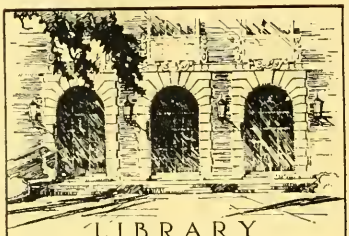
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AT ITS SEVENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, the Seventieth Annual Communication was held in the city of Chicago, at Medinah Temple, commencing on Tuesday, the twelfth day of October, A. D. 1909, A. L. 5909, at 10 o'clock a. m., and was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M.W. Grand Master, Alexander H. Bell.

PRAYER.

The R.W. Grand Chaplain, J. Webster Bailey, led the devotions.

Our Father and God, Supreme Ruler of the Universe, Whose we are and Whom we serve, we invoke Thy blessing upon us as here we begin the duties of the hour and the day. Thou hast promised wisdom to those who will seek it at Thy hand. Grant that the business of this great order of men may be conducted with judgment and discretion, that Thy name may receive honor, and our lodges a blessing. So when this and all our earthly work is finished grant us all a habitation in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens." Amen.

REPORT—Committee on Credentials.

Bro. George W. Cyrus, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, announced that representatives from a constitutional number of lodges were present, and asked further time for completing the report.

The request was granted.

Brothers Kurzenknabe and Kopp, members of St. Cecilia Lodge No. 875, and Brother Bowman, of Germania Lodge No. 182, favored the Grand Lodge with a delightful musical program.

COMMITTEES.

The R.W. Grand Secretary read the following names of brethren appointed by the M.W. Grand Master to serve on the various committees during the present session of the Grand Lodge:

Jurisprudence—Edward Cook, John M. Pearson, C. E. Allen, W. B. Wright, H. A. Snell.

Appeals and Grievances—Monroe C. Crawford, Joseph E. Dyas, Geo. R. Smith, H. H. Montgomery, A. W. West.

Chartered Lodges—Chas. F. Hitchcock, W. A. Dixon, Jas. L. Scott, C. M. Turner, S. M. Schoemann.

Lodges U.D.—H. C. Mitchell, John Johnston, I. H. Todd, M. B. Iott, J. W. Hamilton.

Mileage and Per Diem—W. F. Beck, G. A. Lackens, H. T. Goddard.

Finance—S. O. Spring, N. N. Lampert, Thos. A. Stevens.

Correspondence—Edward Cook.

Credentials—Geo. W. Cyrus, W. E. Hadley, C. E. Grove.

Obituaries—C. H. Thompson, C. N. Hambleton, S. W. Eldred.

Grand Master's Address—J. E. Wooters, J. M. Hannum, H. L. Browning.

Railroads and Transportation—J. O. Clifford, O. E. Tandy.

Petitions—Ben Hagle, J. E. Wheat, F. E. Baldwin.

To Examine Visitors—Chas. H. Martin, S. S. Borden, A. H. Scrogin, Chas. S. DeHart, R. F. Morrow.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master then read his annual address.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of the State of Illinois:

On the completion of my second term as your Grand Master, I come before you to give a report of my actions and to state something of the business transacted by me during the past year.

The past year has been an unusually busy one. I have had a vast amount of work to do and have sometimes been oppressed with the volume of business crowding upon me for attention. I thought I was a busy man before I became Grand Master. By comparison with my life since then I had led a life of comparative leisure. Because of the volume of work to be done, I have necessarily been compelled to appoint proxies on most occasions for the laying of corner-stones, the dedication of temples and the constituting of new lodges. I want you to know that it would have been a very great pleasure to me to attend to all these functions in person, but the volume of business requiring my attention made it necessary that I do most of such work by my proxies.

The affairs of this Grand Lodge and of its many constituent lodges are in a most prosperous condition. The returns to the Grand Secretary show a total membership in this state of over ninety-five thousand. With the large income of this Grand Lodge, and the important enterprises in which it is engaged, the Grand Master, who is the executive officer of the Grand Lodge, is required to give the business of his office unremitting attention. I have had an unusual amount of financial and business responsibility put upon me during my two terms of office. The sale of the Orphans' Home property in Chicago last year, the purchase of the site for the new Orphans' Home at LaGrange this year, and many other business matters have necessarily required my attention.

My correspondence has been voluminous, and the responsibility has been great. Numberless disputes and difficulties have arisen, but by the exercise of patience and good nature, I have been able to adjust them all without leaving any wreckage on the way.

Very shortly after the close of the last session of this Grand Lodge, I appointed as District Deputies the following named brethren for the districts named opposite each:

1	Harry W. Harvey...Chicago	9	James M. Huff....Belvidere
2	R. R. Jampolis.....Chicago	10	John W. Oliver.Apple River
3	Albert Roullier Chicago	11	W. J. Emerson.....Oregon
4	David D. King.....Chicago	12	James McCredie Aurora
5	Wm. H. Beid.....Chicago	13	W. C. Stilson.....Morrison
6	Edw. W. Peterson...Chicago	14	Milton T. Booth....Atkinson
7	Louis Pickett Chicago	15	F. H. Bradley.....Wyanet
8	Jay L. Brewster..Waukegan	16	S. B. Bradford.....Ottawa

17 J. B. Fithian.....Joliet
18 N. T. Stevens.....Clifton
19 L. E. Rockwood.Gibson City
20 John C. Weis.....Peoria
21 C. T. Holmes.....Galesburg
22 C. L. Gregory.....Aledo
23 Emerson Clark ..Farmington
24 David H. Glass....Rushville
25 L. W. Lawton.....Delavan
26 Harry M. Palmer...McLean
27 C. L. Sandusky.....Danville
28 Wilson P. Jones.....Tolono
29 N. M. Mesnard.....Boody
30 Sidney E. Breese.Springfield
31 C. P. Ross.....Jacksonville
32 W. W. Watson.....Barry
33 Emmett Howard Quincy
34 Ralph M. Riggs..Winchester
35 C. H. Burgdorff...Carlinville
36 D. W. Starr.....Raymond
37 Chas. G. Young...Taylorville
38 J. E. Jeffers.....Arcola
39 H. Gassaway ...Martinsville
40 H. A. Eidson...Willow Hill
41 Eugene Stapp Vandalia
42 Anthony Doherty..Clay City
43 Enos Johnson...Upper Alton
44 Geo. S. Caughlan.E. St. Louis
45 W. M. Webster.....Benton
46 J. R. Ennis....Burnt Prairie
47 I. A. Foster.....New Haven
48 W. D. Abney.....Marion
49 W. H. Peak.....Jonesboro
50 J. K. West.....Brookport

GRAND LECTURERS.

Immediately after the close of the last Grand Lodge, I issued commissions in renewal of those before then issued to the following Grand Lecturers:

NAME.	ADDRESS.
W. B. Grimes	Pittsfield
Charles F. Tenney	Bement
A. B. Ashley	La Grange
James John	Chicago
H. S. Hurd	Chicago
J. R. Ennis	Burnt Prairie
H. T. Burnap	Upper Alton
H. A. Snell	Litchfield
Isaac Cutter	Camp Point
M. B. Iott	Chicago
A. W. West	Galesburg
G. A. Stadler	Decatur
John E. Morton	Perry
W. O. Butler	La Harpe
Wm. E. Ginther	Charleston
T. H. Humphreys	Charleston
C. Rohrbough	Kinmundy
D. E. Bruffett	Urbana
I. H. Todd	E. St. Louis
C. E. Grove	Rock Island
H. C. Yetter	Galesburg
C. E. Allen	Galesburg
D. D. Darrah	Bloomington
H. S. Albin	Chicago
J. M. Willard	Decatur
J. E. Wheat	Sterling
Arthur G. Goodridge	Irv. Park
S. M. Schoemann	McLeansboro
W. K. Bowling	Thayer
J. G. Seitz	Upper Alton
N. B. Carson	Bloomington
H. A. Eidson	Willow Hill
David Richards	Chicago Lawn
Louis J. Frahm	Chicago
Geo. E. Carlson	Moline
E. C. Jackson	Chicago
G. M. Harmison	Chicago
H. M. Witt	Chicago
J. K. West	Brookport
A. T. Summers	Decatur
C. B. Pavlicek	Chicago
Andrew McNally	Chicago
J. M. Simpson	Chicago
W. P. Jones	Tolono
W. H. Rupe	Olney
W. W. Roberts	Nunda
Alva W. Cain	Chicago
W. H. Welch	Lexington
Hiram Vanderbilt	Chicago
P. A. Reinhard	Peoria
D. D. King	Chicago
L. E. Simons	Chicago
M. T. Booth	Atkinson
E. T. Osgood	Harvey
H. W. Mason	Bloomington
C. L. Montgomery	Blue Mound
J. S. Edmondson	Decatur
F. D. Fletcher	Chatham
C. M. Borchers	Decatur
F. H. Blose	Bloomington

NAME.	ADDRESS.
Chas. G. Young	Taylorville
Emerson Clark	Farmington
James McCredie	Aurora
W. H. Peak	Jonesboro
Enos Johnson	Upper Alton
C. N. Hambleton	Jeffersonville
G. A. Lackens	Good Hope
A. O. Novander	Chicago
J. B. Roach	Aurora
T. N. Cummins	Reevesville
Louis Pickett	Pullman
Anthony Doherty	Clay City
Chas. T. Holmes	Galesburg
C. P. Ross	Jacksonville
Lawrence C. Johnson	Galva
Archibald Birse	Chicago
F. M. Pendleton	Quincy
R. H. Wheeler	Chicago
R. W. King	Chicago
E. E. Beach	Chicago
W. H. Robson	Chicago
H. W. Harvey	Chicago
F. H. Morehouse	Chicago
F. J. Burton	Chicago
I. A. Foster	New Haven
C. M. Babbitt	Oregon
S. M. Frankland	Chicago
C. B. Ward	Rock Island
J. G. Huntoon	Rock Island
G. R. Smith	Bloomington
John H. Griffiths	Downers Grove
A. Jampolis	Chicago
W. A. Dixon	Decatur
Edw. W. Peterson	Chicago
Albert Davis	Chicago
Albert Roullier	Chicago
E. D. Brothers	Chicago
N. M. Mesnard	Boody
John C. Weis	Peoria
Adam Schmidt	Chicago
Wm. Balhatchet	Chicago
H. E. Van Loon	Chicago
E. W. Eggman	East St. Louis
Will C. Stilson	Tampico
H. C. Michels	Flora
C. J. Wightman	Grays Lake
William Gardner	Chicago
W. H. Bied	Chicago
Peter C. Gray	Chicago
William Rothmann	Chicago
Emmett Howard	Quincy
W. E. Anderson	Chicago
J. M. Hederick	Chatham
T. H. Land	Carmi
B. A. Cottlow	Oregon
A. I. Porges	Chicago
Wm. E. Fitch	LaSalle
Wm. Grube	LaSalle
Samuel Bradford	Ottawa
Herman Blanchard	Chicago Hts.
L. E. Rockwood	Gibson City
W. A. Hoover	Gibson City
L. B. Dyer	Chicago
Geo. N. Todd	Mattoon
William Ferris Wood	Chicago
William Geo. Houghton	Chicago
John Frederick Lockett	Chicago
J. M. James	Benton
Roys Nelson Strohn	Aurora
Orien Ely Tandy	Jacksonville
Floyd Orlando Lorton	Auburn
John Thomas Pierce	Decatur
James Lloyd Hammond	Wilmette
William Austin Mentzer	Chicago
Thomas Weeks	Bloomington
Fred Grove Trenary	LaSalle
Richard Daniel Mills	Ottawa
Wm. Elmer Edwards	Chicago
Charles Seymour Borden	Chicago
James Elsworth Jeffers	Arcola
Zarah S. Saylor	Oakwood
Schuyler Colfax Scrimger	Pekin
C. A. Pratner	Edinburg
H. M. Palmer	McLean
W. B. Moore	Chicago
W. D. Price	Chicago
Harry A. Dever	Chicago
Walter E. Marble	Chicago
Theodore Christensen	Chicago
James M. Huff	Belvidere
George Low	Chicago
H. H. Milnor	Chicago
A. R. Howser	Decatur
H. O. Folrath	Decatur
Chas. H. Graves	Chicago
H. M. Robinson	Chicago
C. H. Thompson	Cairo
Amos Ball	Gibson City
O. H. Woodworth	Arcola
R. H. Gully	Tolono
R. M. Riggs	Winchester
Otto Brail	Chicago
J. W. Mills	Granite City
Alfred E. Holmes	Chicago
W. C. Towbridge	Crete
C. L. Gregory	Aledo

NAME.	ADDRESS.
D. W. Starr	Raymond
J. M. Hannum	Lostant
Nimrod Mace	Bloomington
R. G. Bright	Normal
W. S. Welsh	Toulon
James F. Boyle	Chicago
Frank F. Collins	Arcola
John H. Brown	Chicago
A. B. Collom	Marissa
John W. Johnson	Chicago

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, original commissions as Grand Lecturers have been issued upon the recommendation of the Board of Grand Examiners to the following brethren:

NAME.	ADDRESS.
J. E. Glathart	Olney
David C. Hibbott	Chicago
Boyd S. Blaine	Champaign
William N. Ewing	McLean
Charles S. Lawrence	Lexington
T. Bryson Strauss	Gibson City
B. I. Pumpelly	Atlanta
Arthur E. Wood	Gibson City
George Edwards	Chicago
Walter T. Boggess	Catlin
Almon Stansberry	Westville
N. E. Porter	Edinburg
Clarence A. Tucker	Findlay
Herbert C. Bush	Decatur
Frank H. Bradley	Wyanet
Lewis A. Brinkman	Chicago
Albert P. William	Chicago
Thomas G. Kerwin	Chicago
Elmer Tregay	LaSalle
Richard B. Prendergast	Chicago
Francis M. Cruikshank	Chicago
George W. Flood	Rock Island
Sidney S. Pollack	Chicago
Henry Gasaway	Martinsville
J. A. P. Wesch	Arcola
J. I. Brydon	Martinsville

Lodges Instituted.

During the year, I have issued dispensations for the formation of new lodges as follows, and they were respectively instituted on the dates and in the manner following:

Elwood Lodge at Elwood, Illinois, was instituted on November 19, 1908, by Bro. John B. Fithian, D.D.G.M.

Republic Lodge, of Chicago, Illinois, was instituted on February 26, 1909, by Bro. Albert Roullier, D.D.G.M.

Cottonwood Lodge, at Cottonwood, Illinois, was instituted on April 16, 1909, by Bro. I. A. Foster, D.D.G.M.

Jackson Park Lodge, of Chicago, Illinois, was instituted on June 12, 1909, by Bro. William H. Bied, D.D.G.M.

Welcome Lodge, of Chicago, Illinois, was instituted on June 19, 1909, by Bro. R. R. Jampolis, D.D.G.M.

Concord Lodge, of Chicago, Illinois, was instituted on July 1, 1909, by Bro. Harry Harvey, D.D.G.M.

Avondale Lodge, at Chicago, Illinois, was instituted on October 7, 1909, by Bro. David D. King, D.D.G.M.

Lodges Constituted.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, charters were ordered to be issued to the lodges hereafter named and accordingly such charters were issued and such lodges were severally constituted as follows:

Ancient Craft Lodge No. 907, of Chicago, Illinois, was constituted on October 14, 1908, by Bro. Robert R. Jampolis, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Gil. W. Barnard Lodge No. 908, of Chicago, Illinois, was constituted on October 16, 1908, by Bro. Louis Pickett, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Beehive Lodge No. 909, of Chicago, Illinois, was constituted on October 19, 1908, by Bro. Albert Roullier, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Hull Lodge No. 910, of Hull, Illinois, was duly constituted on October 24, 1908, by Bro. Emmett Howard, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Coffeen Lodge No. 906, of Coffeen, Illinois, was duly constituted on October 23, 1908, by Bro. D. W. Starr, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Elkhart Lodge No. 903, of Elkhart, Illinois, was duly constituted on November 2, 1908, by Bro. D. D. Darrah, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, acting as my proxy.

Carlock Lodge No. 904, of Mechanicsburg, Illinois, was duly constituted on November 5, 1908, by Bro. Sidney S. Breese, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Hanover Lodge No. 905, of Hanover, Illinois, was duly constituted on October 21, 1908, by Bro. J. W. Oliver, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Alto Lodge No. 902, of Stewart, Illinois, was duly constituted on November 5, 1908, by Bro. W. C. Stilson, D.D.G.M., acting as my proxy.

Corner-Stones Laid.

I present herewith as a part hereof a statement showing the composition of the Occasional Grand Lodges convened for the purpose of laying corner-stones, as follows:

On October 29, 1908, Worshipful Bro. C. L. Sandusky, as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of the First Presbyterian Church at Ridgefarm.

On August 14, 1909, Right Worshipful Bro. D. D. Darrah, as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of the First Christian Church at Tuscola.

On August 20, 1909, Right Worshipful Bro. H. T. Burnap, as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of the new Public School building at Greenville.

On September 12, 1909, Right Worshipful Bro. A. B. Ashley, as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of Marlboro Presbyterian Church, in Chicago.

On September 13, 1909, Bro. Clarence A. Tucker, as my proxy, laid the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Findlay.

Dedications.

During the year temples and halls for Masonic use have been dedicated as follows:

The West Chicago Masonic Temple was dedicated on October 31, 1908, by Right Worshipful Brother A. B. Ashley, as my proxy.

On November 24, 1908, the Masonic Hall at Bridgeport was dedicated by Worshipful Brother J. R. Ennis, as my proxy.

On January 29, 1909, the Masonic Hall at Latham was dedicated by Worshipful Brother Austin H. Scrogin, as my proxy.

On February 25, 1909, the Masonic Hall at Kingston was dedicated by Worshipful Brother James M. Huff, as my proxy.

On June 29, 1909, the Masonic Hall at Dawson was dedicated by Worshipful Brother Sidney S. Breese, as my proxy.

On September 9, 1909, the Masonic Hall of Crawford Lodge No. 666, at Eaton, was dedicated by Worshipful Brother Charles H. Martin, as my proxy.

On October 5, 1909, the Masonic Hall of Chenoa Lodge No. 292, at Chenoa, was dedicated by Worshipful Brother Austin H. Scrogin, as my proxy.

On October 9, 1909, I dedicated the Hall of Oak Park Lodge No. 540, Oak Park.

Revenue.

During the year I have issued special dispensations and received fees therefor as follows:

NO.	LODGE		NO.	LODGE	
408	Stratton	$2 00	803	Neponset	2 00
739	Lakeside	2 00	113	Robert Burns	2 00
20	Hancock	2 00	610	Union Park	2 00
888	Damascus	2 00	567	Frankfort	2 00
618	Basco	2 00	321	Dunlap	2 00
868	Cornell	2 00	864	Olympia	2 00
787	Morris	2 00	591	Gilman	2 00
875	Cornerstone	2 00	43	Bloomington	2 00
478	Plieades	2 00	164	Edward Dobbins	2 00
779	Wrights Grove	2 00	57	Trio	2 00
806	Nebo	2 00	247	Rob Morris	5 00
33	Oriental	2 00	460	Jeffersonville	2 00
641	Comet	2 00	900	Carnation	2 00
161	Virden	2 00	182	Germania	2 00
448	Yates City	2 00	277	Accordia	2 00

830	Rockport	2 00	410	Mithra	2 00
588	Troy	2 00	674	Waldeck	2 00
787	Morris	2 00	726	Golden Rule	2 00
47	Caledonia	2 00	682	Blue Mound	2 00
99	Edwardsville	2 00	895	Crescent	2 00
318	J. L. Anderson	2 00	508	Home	2 00
482	Lexington	2 00	23	Cass	2 00
277	Accordia	2 00	416	Paxton	2 00
557	Lessing	2 00	900	Carnation	2 00
669	Herder	2 00	434	Makanda	2 00
780	Siloam	2 00	827	Sequoit	2 00
311	Kilwinning	2 00	33	Oriental	2 00
905	Hanover	2 00	134	Sycamore	2 00
141	Garden City	2 00	643	D. C. Cregier	2 00
427	Red Bud	2 00	44	Hardin	2 00
653	Greenview	2 00	131	Golconda	20 00
714	Collison	2 00	739	Lakeside	2 00
206	Fairfield	2 00	882	Boulevard	2 00
					$153 00

I also, during the year, have issued dispensations for the organization of new lodges and received fees therefor as follows:

Elwood Lodge, at Elwood	$100 00
Republic Lodge, at Chicago	100 00
Cottonwood Lodge, at Cottonwood	100 00
Jackson Park Lodge, at Chicago	100 00
Welcome Lodge, at Chicago	100 00
Concord Lodge, at Chicago	100 00
Avondale Lodge, at Chicago	100 00
	$700 00
Total for dispensations	$853 00
Butler property	233 99
Total receipts	$1,086 99

All of which has been paid to the Grand Secretary.

Schools of Instruction.

According to our custom, Schools of Instruction were held during the past winter at five different places in the state as follows:

At Olney, January 5, 6, 7.

At Granite City, January 19, 20, 21.

At Danville, February 2, 3, 4.

At Aurora, February 16, 17, 18.

At Rock Island, March 2, 3, 4.

These Schools were most efficient in serving the purpose for which they are held, and they maintained the high character of the schools

which this Grand Lodge has been accustomed to hold. Indeed, I am inclined to think as time goes on that our Schools are conducted in better style each year. I present herewith as part hereof the report of the Board of Grand Examiners.

Amendment to Constitution.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, a proposition to amend Clause 9, Section 1, Article 11, of the Constitution was submitted to this Grand Lodge, and being seconded by a majority of the representatives present, was thereby transmitted to the several lodges of the state for action. The returns to the Grand Secretary showing the action of the constituent lodges, show three hundred and sixty-eight lodges voting for the proposition to amend and three hundred and twenty-two lodges voting against the proposition to amend, and eighty lodges not voting. Under Section 1, Article 16, of the Constitution, a proposed amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the lodges. This proposition to amend therefore not having received the necessary two-thirds vote, I declare to be defeated.

Foreign Relations.

Our relations with all other Grand Jurisdictions have been cordial. I have had much correspondence with Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of foreign jurisdictions relating to those matters which ordinarily require the attention of the Grand Master, but in every instance the correspondence has been most fraternal and there is nothing in our foreign relations which I care now to report.

Committee on Correspondence.

A few weeks before the decease of Bro. Joseph Robbins I spent a day with him and he stated that he found himself unable to complete his report to this Grand Lodge. As a result of our conference it was agreed that I should request Bro. Edward Cook to assist Brother Robbins in the work. Brother Cook kindly consented to do this and with his accustomed zeal and ability entered upon the work. When Brother Robbins departed this life, thus creating a vacancy on this committee, I appointed Brother Cook as his successor as committee on correspondence.

Corporate Name.

Pursuant to the action of this Grand Lodge at its last session, I put into effect its direction with reference to the change of its corporate name, all of which appears specifically and in permanent form in the new edition of our Blue Book.

Grand Representatives Appointed.

On November 25, 1908, I appointed Bro. H. Edgar Channell as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to succeed Bro. E. E. Rothwell, deceased, who had for many years creditably represented this Grand Lodge near that Grand Jurisdiction.

On December 1, 1908, I appointed Bro. Delbert Green as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York, to succeed Bro. George H. Klages. This appointment was at the suggestion of the M.W. Grand Master of New York.

On December 10, 1908, I appointed Bro. Albert B. Moss as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Idaho, to succeed our former Representative near that Grand Lodge, Bro. Stephen Dempsey, who had ceased to be a member of any lodge in Idaho. This change was made at the suggestion of M.W. Grand Master of Idaho.

On January 30, 1909, I appointed Bro. William H. Chaffee, as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to succeed Bro. Thomas H. Carling, who had for several years creditably represented this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Georgia. This change was made purely for personal reasons of my own. Brother Chaffee had been for many years an active, zealous Mason and was the Master of the lodge at Carlinville when I was made a Mason and gave me with painstaking care, my first lessons in this Royal Art. Brother Chaffee has been, for a number of years, residing in Georgia and has served as Master of his lodge at Tallapoosa in that state and was distinguished among the Masons of Georgia. It afforded me great satisfaction to appoint Bro. Chaffee as our Grand Representative, a compliment which I am sure he very greatly appreciates.

On or about July 10, 1909, I appointed Bro. Frank W. Anderson, of Waurika, Oklahoma, as the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. This appointment was made upon the recommendation of Bro. H. L. Muldrow, M.W. Grand Master of the consolidated Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Charters Renewed.

Caledonia Lodge No. 47, located at Olmstead, Illinois, having lost its charter by fire, I caused a duplicate charter to issue to it on January 27, 1909, without fee.

Kinderhook Lodge No. 353, located at Kinderhook, Illinois, having lost its charter by fire, I, on June 8, 1909, caused a duplicate charter to issue to it without fee.

Grand Chaplain Appointed.

During the spring of the present year, Bro. Abraham Traugott, Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, removed from Springfield, where he had for many years resided. By reason of some unfortunate circumstances which I will not now pause to narrate, Bro. Traugott was suspended from that lodge for non-payment of dues. A vacancy was thereby occasioned in the office of Grand Chaplain. Accordingly, I appointed as Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, Bro. J. Webster Bailey, of Ottawa, Illinois, a member of Humboldt Lodge No. 555, of Ottawa, and at a stated communication of that lodge held on the evening of July 23, A. D. 1909, Bro. Bailey was duly installed as Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge by Bro. S. B. Bradford, acting as my proxy.

Grand Orator Installed.

It will be remembered that at the last session of this Grand Lodge Bro. Euclid B. Rogers was appointed Right Worshipful Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge, but was not present in this Grand Lodge to be installed. On October 26, 1908, Bro. Euclid B. Rogers was installed as Right Worshipful Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge in St. Paul's Lodge No. 500, in Springfield, Illinois, by Bro. S. S. Breese, acting as my proxy.

Grand Steward Installed.

Bro. William B. Grimes was appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge Worshipful Grand Steward, but not then being in attendance, could not be installed. I issued to Bro. Roy D. Plattner, of Pittsfield, my proxy to install Brother Grimes as Worshipful Grand Steward. The health of Brother Grimes made it impossible for him to be installed until September 13, 1909, when he was duly installed by Brother Plattner as my proxy, in Pittsfield Lodge No. 790, as Worshipful Grand Steward.

Questions Brought Over From Last Year.

I discovered after the last session of this Grand Lodge had closed and when its Proceedings had been printed, that several matters mentioned in my address at that session of this Grand Lodge and which I thought ought to be considered by this Grand Lodge, by an oversight on the part of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, had been entirely overlooked. I did not notice the omission until I read the printed proceedings.

The action which I reported with reference to the removal of Murrayville Lodge No. 432, from Murrayville to Woodson, in Morgan county, Illinois, was neither approved or disaffirmed.

It will be remembered that in my last annual address I gave special attention to the question of "Dispensations issued and denied." Because of the character of the questions presented, I felt that this Grand Lodge should either approve what I had done as reported or disavow the views there expressed. This entire subject matter was wholly omitted from the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

What was said by me under the head of "Appeals to Grand Lodge" was not considered. This subject was referred to the Committee on Appeals but that Committee perhaps not being advised that it was so referred to them, failed to make any report on it.

These several subjects I regard as of such importance that they ought to be considered by this Grand Lodge and I therefore now respectfully ask that what I said under those heads in my last annual address, inasmuch as they have been neither approved nor disapproved, may be now referred to the proper committees of this Grand Lodge and receive such attention as in your opinion they merit.

Necrology.

The year now ending has brought severe affliction to this Grand Lodge and the world of Masonry is poorer as a result. Many distinguished brethren of this and foreign jurisdictions have been summoned to a better world. I leave for our Committee on Obituaries the mournful task of making suitable mention of their decease and of paying proper tribute to their memory. Five of the past officers of this Grand Lodge have departed this life during the past year.

Joseph Robbins.

On July 19, 1909, at Quincy, where he had lived for many years, our venerable, distinguished and beloved brother, Joseph Robbins, weary of the burdens which he bore, laid himself down to rest. Brother Robbins' pre-eminence among the Masons of Illinois was ungrudgingly acknowledged by all. For nearly fifty years he has been a prominent and ofttimes a dominant factor in this Grand Lodge. He was born at Leominster, Massachusetts, September 12, 1834, and was made a Mason at that place. He became a member of Quincy Lodge No. 296, December 16, 1859, and was its Master from 1863 to 1869, inclusive, and again in 1880. Brother Robbins was first in this Grand Lodge at its session in 1862, and served as a member of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation. From that date he attended every session of this Grand Lodge up to and including that of 1908, except that in 1864, although Master of his lodge, he was for some reason not present in this Grand

Lodge. In 1863, he served on the Committee on Grand Master's Address. He served as Grand Orator in 1869, as Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries in 1870, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence in 1871. At the session of 1871 he was elected Junior Grand Warden and was regularly advanced until 1876, when he became Grand Master, and was re-elected in 1877. He served as the Committee on Correspondence in 1879. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence in 1880 and also as Committee on Correspondence. In 1881 he became Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and served in that position each year until 1888 when he again, for the third time, became the Committee on Correspondence, and served in that position until life's work was done.

He was laid to rest in the hillside at Quincy on the banks of the Mississippi on July 21, 1909. I convened an emergent Grand Lodge and conducted the services at the grave according to our Masonic usage. A great number of brethren of Quincy and of other parts of the state were present and joined in paying a last sad tribute of respect to our deceased brother. Deputy Grand Master Ashley, Grand Secretary Cutter, Senior Grand Deacon Whipple and Grand Tyler Gurney were present and assisted in our melancholy duty. Past Grand Masters Crawford, Scott and Allen were present and assisted.

The position of Joseph Robbins in the Masonic world was unique. In this Grand Lodge he stood for nearly half a century, like a lighthouse on the hill, to warn us of dangers on the way and to guide us into peaceful harbors. His work as our Correspondence Committee has commanded. recognition from the world of Masonry, and his writings have become classics in the literature of our craft. He stood always for the dignity and pre-eminence of Ancient Craft Masonry. He was wise in counsel, fearless in the advocacy of what he thought to be right. He was forceful and convincing in his public utterances. Among the Masonic writers of his age, he stood as Saul of Israel among his fellows, head and shoulders above them all.

While all good men join in the lamentations of his friends, yet his decease is not to be regarded as in anywise a calamity to him. It is not obliteration but change, not extinction but exhaltation. While we mourn for the loss we have all sustained, he no doubt exults that he has shaken off the shackles of mortality. Joseph Robbins lives. The physical form which we knew and through which alone he could reach us, moulders in its parent dust, but his genial, courtly spirit has not abdicated its accustomed place in this Grand Lodge. He is with us now, but we being enmeshed in these earthly bodies cannot apprehend his spiritual presence. We need not mourn as those who are without hope. We knew that he would die and that we shall die. To die is the natural end of life. That

we should live at all is an inexplicable mystery. That we should die is natural and inevitable. Why need any man shrink from death? It is the certainty of death that gives dignity to life. If death were not in prospect for us all, this life would be insipid and meaningless. The beasts of the field die even as we do, but they know not that they shall die, and therefore are but brutes. Without death before us, life could have no goal, no objective. There could be in it nothing ultimate. If Almighty God should at this moment by His divine decree, exempt all humanity henceforth from the dominion of death, we would enter upon a period of retrogression, and soon lapse into barbarism. There would be no incentive for improvement or for right doing. The certainty of death moderates the severity of tyrants. It mitigates avarice. It loosens the purse strings of the miser. It humanizes and deifies us all. Without death there could be no dividing and dissipating of colossal fortunes through the laws of inheritance, no limit to the accelerating power of the strong and the rich. It is the immutable certainty of death, and the knowledge that we must die, that give zest and dignity and meaning and sweetness to life and lift us into kinship with God.

Joseph Robbins is dead, 'tis true. There is none to take his place here, 'tis true. But his life, his teachings, his example, are an open book before us. We can best honor him by steadfastly keeping in the paths along which he led us. Doth any man conceive that the voice of Joseph Robbins shall be heard here no more? Nay, verily I say unto you, that here, now and hereafter, in every season of stress, he shall speak to us like a voice crying out in the wilderness to make darkness light before us and crooked things straight. Brethren, a great and good brother has gone on before. He stands upon the heights beyond with hands outstretched in loving benediction on us all.

LOYAL L. MUNN.

Brother Munn was born in the State of New York on September 1, A. D. 1829. He moved to Freeport, Illinois, on June 6, A. D. 1846, where he continuously resided until his decease, on November 23, A. D. 1908.

Brother Munn was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Excelsior Lodge No. 97, on October 27, A. D. 1853. He was a charter member of Moses R. Thompson Lodge No. 381, which was afterwards consolidated with Excelsior Lodge No. 97, in which he served as Master for a number of years.

Brother Munn served as R.W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge from 1881 to 1893, and became widely known among the craft of this Grand Jurisdiction. All who knew him loved him, and nearly all the

brethren in Illinois knew him. "He enriched his mind abundantly in a general knowledge of things." He was conscientious, intelligent and painstaking in the discharge of every duty. He was in his life and character an exemplar of the teachings of our venerable institution, and taught the world the worth and dignity of true Masonic manhood. Whatsoever his hand found to do he did well. His cheery voice and radiant countenance brought bright sunshine to all who met him. His work is done, therefore our Supreme Grand Master hath called him home.

While we mourn his loss, which to us is irreparable, yet we are cheered and sustained by the fond remembrance of his Masonic work and worth. While we have consigned his body to the dust whence it came, his memory is cherished in the hearts of nearly one hundred thousand Masons of Illinois.

RICHARD S. DEMENT.

Bro. Richard S. Dement was laid to rest on October 13, 1908. He was made a Mason in Lexington Lodge No. 482, in 1870, and was Master thereof in 1881. He dimitted from that lodge in 1885 and thereafter lived in the city of Chicago. He was a Masonic author of note and served as surveyor general in Utah Territory under the administration of President Cleveland. Brother Dement served as Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge in the year 1877.

I regret that I am not able to furnish a fuller account of this brother's life and works.

HIRAM W. THOMAS.

On August 12, 1909, Bro. Hiram W. Thomas departed this life in Florida. Brother Thomas became a member of Thomas J. Turner Lodge No. 409, December 16, 1875. He was Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge in 1886, 1887, 1888, 1903, 1904, and was appointed in 1906 but not installed. He served in this important position not only acceptably but with distinction. Brother Thomas was lovable in his disposition, and was cherished in private life by all who knew him. He was endowed with such measure of intellectual ability that he readily attained honorable distinction among men everywhere and particularly in his chosen work. Brother Thomas, with an ability which would have won wealth and distinction in any calling, turned his back upon the frivolities of the world and went among men as a minister of the most High God proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation to all. This brother had attained the age of seventy-seven years at the time of his decease. He was laid to rest at Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, by loving friends and brethren. He wrought faithfully while he lived and now enjoys that rest and reward which faithful and efficient service always bring.

HENRY ALONZO EIDSON.

This distinguished brother was made a Master Mason October 7, 1868, and died on the anniversary of his birth, October 7, 1909. Brother Eidson was a faithful and zealous Mason. He had served his lodge in various capacities and was its Master for many years. He became District Deputy Grand Master in 1905 and served in that capacity until his life's work was done.

Brother Eidson was a leader among the Masons in his part of the state and his valuable service to the craft has given him a warm place in the hearts of all the brethren.

CALENDAR ROHRBOUGH.

This venerable brother was born in West Virginia September 1, 1834. He removed to Illinois in 1857. He served his country bravely during the Civil War, and became a captain in the United States army. After the war he settled in Kinmundy. He was made a Master Mason in Kinmundy Lodge No. 398, October 21, 1867. He was Master of that lodge from 1889 to 1894. He filled many places of distinction in his community and was respected by all who knew him. He departed this life at Kinmundy on September 11, 1909. He was laid to rest on September 14, 1909, with the impressive ceremonies of our ancient craft.

Brother Rohrbough became Worshipful Grand Steward in this Grand Lodge in 1903, and served with dignity in that position until he left this life of labor. Brother Rohrbough was loved by all good people while he lived and is now mourned by all his survivors who knew him. This Grand Lodge will miss him. His honorable and exemplary life is an inspiration and in some degree a solace to those who survive him.

New Lodges.

It will be remembered that at the last session of this Grand Lodge I discussed at some length the condition of our law with reference to the formation of new lodges. I desire now in the light of fuller experience to supplement what was then said by calling attention to the provision in Section 2, Article 13, of the Constitution, which provides in effect that outside of cities having three or more lodges, no new lodge can be formed without the recommendation of the three nearest lodges. What I said last year touching the question of the organization of new lodges was referred to a special committee which is to report at this session and I suggest that what I now say be referred to the same committee.

I have become convinced that exceptional cases arise where there ought to be a power somewhere to authorize the formation of a new

lodge outside of cities having three or more lodges without the consent of the three nearest lodges. The rule requiring this consent is wholesome and ordinarily works no injustice. Cases, however, do arise, where, because of the shifting of centers of population, the decadence of an ancient village and the upbuilding of a neighboring town, a lodge located at the ancient village in an early day may from local pride or jealousy refuse to give consent to the formation of a new lodge in the more prosperous neighborhood. I am firmly of the opinion that that provision of the constitution ought to be amended in some way so that there shall be a power somewhere, either in the Grand Master or elsewhere, to authorize the formation of a lodge in these exceptional cases, even though one of the three nearest lodges refuses to consent. When two of the three nearest lodges consent but one of the three nearest refuses consent, it might be wise to give the Grand Master authority to issue his dispensation to remove the place of meeting of the lodge not consenting to the place where it is desired to form the new lodge. This would not require an amendment to the constitution.

I do not specify in what particular form I think such amendment ought to come, because this entire subject matter is referred to a committee whose wisdom will doubtless be sufficient to frame such amendment as may be suitable, provided they think that any amendment tending in this direction ought to be adopted.

Corner-Stones.

I have been so much occupied during the past year that most of the work in the laying of corner-stones and dedication of temples, has been done by my proxies. There are two questions connected with the laying of corner-stones which I think it wise to lay before this Grand Lodge for such action, if any, as it may deem proper.

I assume that the directions printed in our book of Ceremonies are to be regarded as the law in each case. I submit to you the question whether it might be wise more definitely to specify the character of the "public structures or buildings" whose corner-stones may be laid with Masonic honors. A very small school house in an obscure country district is a public building as much so as high school buildings in a large city. A very small church in an obscure hamlet is as much a public building as a great cathedral in the largest city. Grand Lodge Officers do not attend such ceremonies where the building is insignificant or the locality obscure, and it does not make a good impression upon the public or upon the fraternity to have the ceremony conducted in large part by officers *pro tem* who have never before officiated in their respective places, and where the ceremony must almost unavoidably be lacking in

that dignity and impressiveness which ought to characterize it. I desire only to suggest whether it would be wise or practicable to specify something as to the character of the public building whose corner-stone may be laid with Masonic ceremonies.

It is provided also in our Book of Ceremonies at page 55, that "The corner-stone should have engraved on its face the words 'Laid by the Masonic Fraternity,' with the date, the year of Masonry, the name of the Grand Master, and such other particulars as may be deemed proper." It has sometimes happened in laying a corner-stone that the inscription was omitted by those who prepared the stone, not knowing that the same was required. Where such an omission was innocently made and not known until the time of laying the stone, nothing was said about the omission and the ceremony proceeded. But learning something from experience, in every instance during the past year when asked to lay a corner-stone, I have written that the stone must be inscribed according to the direction of our Book of Ceremonies. And where such inscription was not made after proper notice that it was required, I have declined to lay the stone and in one case where I wrote what was required in this particular in ample time for the stone to be suitably prepared, and where there developed opposition to the inscription being placed there, and by reason of which it was not placed on the stone, notwithstanding many brethren solicited that the stone be laid, I steadfastly declined to permit the laying of the stone with Masonic ceremony. The name of the Grand Master I do not regard as important, but the inscription that it was laid by this Grand Lodge I regard as vital.

I report this question to the Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge may say whether the directions in the Book of Ceremonies that the stone shall be so inscribed, shall be regarded as vital or as something which may be waived or adopted at pleasure. The point that I make is that while I would not refuse to lay a stone that did not have the inscription on it if there had been no notice that such inscription was necessary, yet where there is a plain refusal to make the inscription after particular notice of its necessity, then I have felt that if they wanted the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone, but were unwilling then and thereafter to acknowledge and state to the world that it was so laid, I would not in such case lay the stone or authorize it to be done.

Bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

It will be remembered that in the closing minutes of the last Grand Lodge, I called attention to the fact that under the by-law of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are required to give surety company bonds and that the bonds which had been presented to

me one year before for approval were in such form and contained such covenants that I would not approve the same. I reported that the surety companies with which the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary had been accustomed to deal, had shuffled and evaded in a variety of cunning ways to avoid giving a bond which would be really effective in form and that because of such failure, I had been compelled to let matters run without any bond for quite awhile. The failure to give the bond was in no sense the fault of our Grand Officers. Either of them no doubt could have given a good bond with personal security, but under the by-law, they were required to give a surety company bond. And the surety company, knowing that we had to take their bond, or none, took advantage of the situation by seeking to put into the bonds, covenants which practically exempted them from liability and which I would not approve. The surety company with which we were dealing finally did sign the bonds in the form in which I had drawn them, but we have had the same trouble since the last Grand Lodge, not quite so protracted, but I am thoroughly convinced that we ought not to deal with surety companies at all and that the by-law of this Grand Lodge ought to require that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary give bonds with good personal security. I never saw any real estate or any property owned by any surety company. I am not satisfied of their solvency. They no doubt ordinarily pay when they have to, but my experience with them has convinced me that if they can palm off upon their customer a bond which reads in large letters that they are liable, but in smaller print puts in a lot of conditions which exempts them from liability, they will do it. The ordinary surety company is merely a handsome desk, in a handsome office, with a smooth talking gentleman on one side of the desk and a sucker on the other. I do not hesitate to say that I personally would much rather take a bond signed by responsible individuals who have good real estate and tangible property that I can see, than to take a bond signed by a surety company whose assets none of us has seen and whose solvency must very largely appear upon printed statements of its assets or upon the representation of its agents. I therefore recommend that our by-law be so amended as to require the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to give bonds with good personal security.

Questions Decided.

During the year past many questions have been submitted to me for determination. In some instances the questions were important in their immediate results, but were not new or novel and need not therefore be reported.

One of the most astonishing things about officers of lodges throughout the state is that so many of them know very little and some of them

nothing about Masonic law. I am pleased to state that many lodge officers are well informed. I have found officers of lodges who did not know that there was such a thing as our Blue Book. We have devoted a great deal of time and attention to the teaching of our ritual and great interest and enthusiasm have been aroused among our lodge officers and Masons generally throughout the state to become proficient in the ritual. Our Board of Grand Examiners and our Grand Lecturers and a large number of other brethren have created a degree of proficiency in the work in this state, which in my opinion is not exceeded in any state in the union. But we have given no attention to the teaching of Masonic law. The Standard Club, of Chicago, which has done so much in disseminating the knowledge of the correct work, during the past year has been devoting an occasional evening to the study of Masonic law. One of its members wrote me inquiring whether there would be any objection to their doing this. I was very glad to reply promptly not only that there was no objection, but that it was a highly commendable thing for them to do. I do not know what is the corrective for the condition of which I speak, but while we are insisting on Masters of lodges and lodge officers learning the standard work and doing it accurately and well, it is of equal importance, indeed of greater importance, that lodge officers have a correct understanding of Masonic law. Our Blue Book is a very small volume. It can be read carefully and intelligently in a very short time. It ought to be read often by every lodge officer and could be read with profit by every Mason. The Master of the lodge ought to be so familiar with its contents that he would know whenever a question is presented in his lodge or elsewhere, whether there is anything in the Blue Book touching that question and he ought to be able to find it in the Blue Book promptly. It is really disheartening to reflect upon the startling want of knowledge as to Masonic law on the part of some of our lodge officers.

During the past year I have received hundreds of inquiries as to matters which manifested inexcusable ignorance on the part of the brethren writing me. For instance, I have been asked whether when the room under a lodge room is rented for a saloon, there is any law which requires that the lodge must move its quarters.

I have been asked whether it would be proper for a lodge to accept the petition for membership of a Syrian who has been in this country a number of years but has not yet taken out naturalization papers.

I have been asked whether a lodge, in order to purchase a lot whereon to build a Masonic Hall, must be incorporated as an association.

It has been complained to me by the Master of a lodge that one of the Wardens of his lodge had in different cases countermanded the Mas-

ter's order for a special meeting. And in the same letter I was asked whether the Warden had the right to call a communication of the lodge without the consent of the Master and over his objection.

I have been asked what proceedings should be instituted against a brother who boldly asserts in public that a certain other brother has done more to cause disturbance in the last two elections than all other forces combined.

I have received complaint that some members of a lodge have encouraged or assisted a barber in opening a shop in a town where the brother complaining lived who was also a barber, so that there thus became two barber shops in the town instead of one, and I am asked whether charges might be preferred against the brethren who assisted the second barber in locating in the town.

I have been asked whether a lodge may accept the petition to be made a Mason of a man who owns property that he has leased for saloon purposes.

I have received several letters from lodges and lodge officers inquiring the name and address of their District Deputy.

I have been written to by lodge officers that a member of a lodge had applied for a dimit but that they wanted to keep him in the lodge and they wanted to know whether they might induce him to continue his membership in the lodge on condition that he be charged for Grand Lodge dues only.

I have been asked by letter whether a member of a lodge might vote in lodge by proxy.

I have been asked whether the Master of a lodge on making a decision could be required to take the vote of the lodge as to the correctness of his ruling.

I have been solicited to assist lodge officers in the sale of their own real estate.

I have had one lodge give Masonic burial to a Fellowcraft.

In short, I have been asked hundreds and hundreds of questions which betray the most unmistakable and lamentable ignorance of Masonic law on the part of the writers. I am pleased to state that while my Masonic correspondence during the past year has been very voluminous and hundreds of real questions have been decided and a great many ugly complications in lodges and with lodge officers have been satisfactorily adjusted, there has been in every instance a cordial and loyal acquiescence on the part of the officers and members in the determina-

tions of the Grand Master. But one case has arisen during the past year which I have concluded I ought to report to this Grand Lodge.

The Liquor Question.

In a variety of forms the question has been presented to me for determination as to the attitude of this Grand Lodge touching various phases of the liquor question. And in an acute form the question came to me from Clinton Lodge No. 19, of Petersburg.

In this case Bro. Elzie M. Combs, a member of that lodge, petitioned for a dimit. Brother Combs was living in Beardstown. When his petition for dimit came to the lodge or when it was known that it was to come before the lodge, charges were preferred against him. The charge was "Unmasonic Conduct." The specifications were "1st. Violating Masonic Obligation." "2nd. Violating Article 9, Section 1, of By-laws of Clinton Lodge No. 19, A.F. and A.M., relating to saloons." This is the exact language of the charge and specifications. The by-law upon which such charge and specifications were predicated, reads as follows: "Any Mason residing in this jurisdiction, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, who shall be found guilty of being engaged in a saloon or tipling shop for the sale of spirituous liquors, wines or any other article of drink calculated to produce intoxication (except it be as a *bona fide* hotel keeper or druggist) or keeping or frequenting a gaming house of any kind, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and shall be punished by reprimand, suspension or expulsion as the lodge may deem proper."

In this case the lodge proceeded and found the defendant guilty and indefinitely suspended him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. Before the trial, however, my attention had been called to the matter, but I learned nothing more of it until after the final action of the lodge had been taken as above given. On learning what had been done I set aside the action of the lodge in indefinitely suspending Brother Combs and ordered that dimit issue to him unless other charges were preferred. My action in setting aside the action of the lodge I felt to be not only proper but unavoidable because, first, the charges and specifications charged him with no offence whatever. To say that he violated his Masonic obligation without saying wherein or by what manner of conduct he did so, is to state nothing. The second specification that he violated Article 9, Section 1, of the By-laws of Clinton Lodge, relating to saloons, charged nothing. And moreover, a remarkable thing about this by-law is that it does not profess to have any reference to the conduct of any Mason even its own members who reside without the jurisdiction of the lodge, as the language of the by-law itself is, "Any Mason residing in this jurisdiction, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, who shall be found guilty of being engaged in a saloon," etc.

I report this case to this Grand Lodge not because I conceive there can be any difference of opinion as to the duty of the Grand Master to set aside a conviction in the case, but because it involves in a somewhat acute form, the question as to whether a constituent lodge may discipline its members by suspension or expulsion for engaging in the business of keeping a licensed saloon. I need not say that I am not here as a defender or apologist for the business, but, we are taught that it is our duty to pay a due obedience to the laws under whose protection we live. The keeping of a licensed saloon is an entirely lawful business in Illinois. And Masonry in Illinois does not undertake to proscribe that which is lawful in Illinois. I have in a number of cases under by-laws somewhat similar to this, decided that while the keeping of a saloon is not a Masonic offense because it is not the violation of any law either of the state or of Masonry, yet, a saloon may be so kept that it does violate municipal law as well as the law of Masonry. If a saloonkeeper sell to minors or keep open on Sunday, those sales are in violation of law. The license to the saloonkeeper gives him no protection as to such sales, and if the charge against a Mason were that being the keeper of a licensed saloon, he did these unlawful things, I have held that that would be a sufficient charge. I have in some cases decided that a charge might be framed in this form; that a defendant being the keeper of a licensed saloon, so kept and conducted the same that it became a place of notorious disorder, frequented by lawless characters, and that the defendant being generally known in the community to be a Mason, that the knowledge that he is a Mason and the notoriously disreputable character of his saloon, tend to bring Masonry into disrepute. But in this Clinton Lodge case, nothing of the kind was claimed as is observed. Some of the members of Clinton Lodge No. 19, seemed to be very much surprised at my attitude on this question and in an entirely respectful manner expressed the desire that the question might be definitely determined by this Grand Lodge.

The question is not an open one here. In 1885, an effort was made in this Grand Lodge to amend its by-laws so as to provide that for a Mason to become engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquor, should be deemed unmasonic conduct and punished accordingly. The proposition to amend was defeated. I wrote the brethren of Clinton Lodge and have written in a number of other cases touching these questions that while Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors, neither does it discriminate between men as to their nationality or their business. We judge of the individual man, and if that man has become a Mason and is observing the laws of the state in which he lives, he cannot be proscribed, punished or in any wise disciplined for doing that which the laws of his state expressly license him to do, unless some by-law of this Grand Lodge expressly forbids it. If Clinton Lodge might exclude the

saloonkeeper, other lodges might exclude other classes of business men, or certain races or nationalities, and it is inconceivable to me that a member of my lodge residing in the jurisdiction of Clinton Lodge might be expelled for conduct which is not violative of any law of this Grand Lodge or of his own lodge.

I decided in this case of Clinton Lodge No. 19, that the by-law in question in so far as it related to the sale of liquor was wholly void, and I respectfully report my action and decision in this case to this Grand Lodge that it may receive such consideration as you may think proper.

How to Vote on a Motion to Suspend.

During the year the question has come to me from several parts of the state as to how the vote should be taken on a motion to suspend for non-payment of dues. The Grand Lodge By-Law, Section 5, Article 8, Part 3, provides that the vote shall be by ballot. It has happened in several cases that the vote was taken either by show of hands or by a rising vote and the requisite two-thirds majority being ascertained to be in favor of the motion to suspend, the defendant was in each case declared to be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

It has been claimed to me by some members of the lodge that inasmuch as, under the by-law, the only proper way to vote on such a motion is by ballot, a vote taken in any other way is necessarily invalid and that a result thus reached is likewise invalid. In the cases which have come to me, no objection was made at the time as to the manner in which the vote was taken. I have felt constrained to hold in all such cases that the only proper way in which to vote on a motion to suspend for non-payment of dues, is by ballot, but in a case where it is admitted that the circumstances justified suspension; that the defendant was delinquent; that proper notices had been given and that a motion to suspend was duly made and seconded, and the question put to a vote and two-thirds of those present voted in favor of the motion to suspend, and the result entered on the minutes of the meeting, and no brother present objected to the Master as to the manner in which the vote was taken; that in all such cases, the result thus ascertained is valid. I have declined in every instance to interfere in any wise with the result thus obtained. I have held that an unauthorized method of ascertaining the majority, will not invalidate the result, provided the facts justify the action, and no objection was made at the time as to the manner in which the vote was taken.

I think it must be admitted that if the Grand Master might properly set aside the action of the lodge in suspending a brother for non-payment of dues merely on the ground that the vote was taken by a rising vote

instead of by ballot, then he might with equal propriety set aside any result thus reached at any time in the past. I do not believe that such a view is sound. I think the purpose of the proceeding is to do justice to the defendant and to the lodge. It is to enforce the discipline of the lodge and to put a stress upon the membership of the lodge to discharge their Masonic obligations, and so long as it is not denied that the conditions justify the result, I should not be inclined to hold that the method by which the result was reached is of the essence of the proceeding.

I report these conclusions because in some cases where I have made such holding, I have been advised that some of the brethren question the correctness of my decision. To set aside the result merely on the ground that the vote was taken by a show of hands or by a rising vote instead of a ballot, when no other ground of complaint exists and the justice of the result is not questioned, would be, in my opinion, to sacrifice the substance of the proceeding to a matter of form. I have, of course, in every instance held that the only proper way to vote on such a question is by ballot and have never intimated that any other method was permissible, but the question which I make is that when the vote has been taken in another way without objection or complaint by anybody at the time, and a result has been reached, whose justice is not questioned, I would not think of invalidating the result because of the manner in which the vote was taken.

Our Masonic Homes.

I am pleased to report that our two Homes, the Home at Sullivan, and the Orphans' Home at Chicago, have been conducted during the past year in a manner satisfactory to our Board of Trustees and which we believe is satisfactory to all our Craft who know conditions, methods and results. These great institutions have been conducted without any unusual trouble or difficulty. The sickness and mortality at the Old Folks' Home is always high and the expense of maintenance at that Home is very much greater per capita than at the Orphans' Home, for the reason that the members of that Home being all of them aged, are almost totally incapacitated from rendering any valuable services for the benefit of the Home. Being aged and constantly subject to the ailments incident to age, they require a large amount of attention. In sickness they require constant nursing, while the members of the Orphans' Home being young, the rate of mortality there is practically nothing and the cost of maintenance per capita very greatly less than at the Old Folks' Home.

I do not care at this time to consider at any length anything pertaining to the management of these Homes, except I desire to repeat in sentiment all that I said touching their value in my last annual address.

I take pleasure in stating that the members of the Board of Trustees during the past year have administered the affairs of these institutions with fidelity and success. There has not been the least friction in the workings of this Board of Trustees. There has been practically no division of opinion among the members as to any matter of importance and this Grand Lodge is to be congratulated that the Board has been so harmonious and efficient. The craft of this great Jurisdiction is under great obligation to all the members of this Board of Trustees for the fidelity and efficiency with which they have administered these great trusts. I am heartily rejoiced that an amendment to the by-laws is pending in this Grand Lodge to fix the status of members of the Board as that of members of standing committees in this Grand Lodge, so that they may attend the sessions of this Grand Lodge and receive mileage and per diem the same as members of other standing committees.

The Orphans' Home.

At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, I reported that by authority of the Grand Lodge, I had conveyed the Orphans' Home property in Chicago for the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars. It thereupon became necessary that a new site for the Orphans' Home be selected and at the last communication of this Grand Lodge, an appropriation of twenty thousand dollars was made for the purchase of such a site and for the permanent improvement of the grounds purchased and the preparation of plans and specifications for the erection of a fire proof building which would be adequate to meet the requirements of an Orphans' Home.

It was directed by the Grand Lodge that the site chosen should be approved by a majority of the Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Homes. From and after the close of the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the members of the Board of Trustees were vigilant in their efforts to choose a suitable site for the Home, and indeed before the last annual meeting, the members of the Board residing in Chicago had given the matter considerable attention and had examined several prospective sites. By the middle of December last, the Chicago members of the Board of Trustees had examined a number of sites in and near Chicago and those members on the Board not residing in Chicago, namely, Brothers Scott, Berks, Steele and the Grand Master, went to Chicago and examined a number of sites in various localities near Chicago and last of all examined a site at LaGrange, which is a suburb of Chicago, and which site the Chicago members of the Board had agreed was the best available site. Those of us who had not seen the LaGrange site, went to examine it and as a result of such examination, the Board of

Trustees unanimously agreed that that site was satisfactory and was the most desirable of all available. That result having happily been obtained by the unanimous vote of all the members of the Board, I proceeded actively to acquire title to that property. The property at LaGrange consists of the half of a very large city block, which block had formerly been divided into two actual blocks so that practically the property chosen is a block consisting of nineteen lots, which were owned by different parties and it became necessary to conduct negotiations with several different parties. Without now troubling the Grand Lodge to go into details, it is sufficient to say that after the usual amount of time and trouble spent in the examination of titles and conducting negotiations in my name as purchaser the property was at last conveyed to me by sev eral different deeds and by me conveyed to this Grand Lodge, and this Grand Lodge is now the owner of all of the property so selected by the Board of Trustees. The property being lots eighteen to thirty-six inclusive, in block fifteen, in Leiter's Third Addition to LaGrange. This property is located in one of the most beautiful suburbs of Chicago. It is a beautiful piece of ground, quite high, and in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, peculiarly suitable for the purposes for which it is intended. The cost of this property was $11,600. And in this connection, I desire further to report that at the request of the Trustees of the Homes, and in order to enable them to have some preliminary work done in the way of surveying, measurement, establishing the corners, lines, etc., I directed an order to be drawn on the fund appropriated for the purchase of such site for the sum of five hundred dollars, which was accordingly done, and such amount placed to the credit of the Orphans' Home to be so used. I am very sure that this lodge and this great fraternity are to be congratulated that a site so beautiful, and convenient, has been purchased at a price so moderate.

Deficit in Appropriations for the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan.

On July 22, Bros. Owen Scott, Henry W. Berks, and James A. Steele, who constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in immediate charge of the Home at Sullivan, represented to me in writing that the appropriation made by the last Grand Lodge for the support and maintenance of the Sullivan Home for the current year, had been exhausted; that they would unavoidably be compelled to go into debt for the maintenance of the Home or must look to me for relief. It was represented to me that on account of the increased cost of provisions and material of every character, the added expense of maintaining a hospital, the accession to the number of the members of the Home, and particularly to the expenses incident to receiving and caring for those who were wholly helpless, it was necessary that an addi-

tional sum of five thousand dollars be placed to the credit of that institution.

While, of course, the members of the Board of Trustees and of this Executive Committee, as well as myself, very much regretted that such a deficit should have arisen, I felt that the institution was ours and that we were obliged to maintain it. I thought that there was no good reason why those in immediate charge of the institution should be embarrassed by being asked to contract indebtedness, because after all, the indebtedness would be ours, which ultimately we would pay.

I therefore submitted the communication of the Executive Committee to the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge and on August 1 last, the Finance Committee addressed its communication to me advising that a warrant for five thousand dollars be drawn on the Grand Lodge treasury in favor of the Sullivan Home. Accordingly, on August 3, I directed the Grand Secretary to draw an order for five thousand dollars payable to the Trustees of our Homes for the use of the Sullivan Home, which was done. I respectfully report this action to this Grand Lodge and request that my action be approved or that such action be taken with reference thereto as in your wisdom may seem proper.

Discovery and Sale of Real Estate at Butler, Illinois.

At some time early last spring a gentleman whose name I have forgotten called upon me and said that his father who had been a member of a lodge at Butler, Illinois, had been for a number of years looking after a few odds and ends which had belonged to that lodge and I understood the statement to be in substance that all of the property there consisted of an old desk, table, chair or two and a few trifling articles of personal property. He left some papers with me which I examined and by correspondence and inquiry conducted largely through Bro. D. W. Starr, District Deputy for the 36th Masonic District, I learned that there had once been a lodge of Masons at Butler, in Montgomery county, known as Butler Lodge No. 459, and that it surrendered its charter on May 18, 1887. I learned that that lodge and the lodge of I.O.O.F. of the same place jointly owned a lot and building thereon; and that the lodge of Odd Fellows had long ago surrendered is charter; that the property had been lying practically useless and abandoned for many years, but that the legal title was in this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. as tenants in common. This parcel of real estate was represented to me as being of trifling value but through the diligent and intelligent exertions of Brother Starr a purchaser was found for the same at the price of five hundred dollars. I knew that technically I had no power to convey real estate belonging to this Grand Lodge unless expressly authorized to do so, but because of the small value of this parcel of ground

and because it was in the nature of a "find," I communicated with the Grand Master I.O.O.F. and agreed with him that we would convey the property and ask our respective Grand Lodges to ratify our actions. Accordingly the Grand Master I.O.O.F. and I, as the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, executed a quit-claim deed and conveyed that parcel of property for the price of five hundred dollars which was paid to me in cash. Out of the amount so collected, I paid to Brother Starr to cover his expenses connected with the work of procuring a purchaser and effectuating the sale, seven dollars and two cents, and I paid him for his valuable services which in this case were indispensable, the sum of twenty-five dollars, making a total expenditure of thirty-two dollars and two cents, leaving a net amount of cash to be divided between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents. I paid to the Grand Master, I.O.O.F., one-half of that amount, namely, two hundred and thirty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents and I paid to our Grand Secretary, Bro. Isaac Cutter, a like amount of two hundred and thirty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents, and took his receipt therefor. This comes to us purely as a "find," but inasmuch as my act in conveying the title of this Grand Lodge to that property was without express authority, I respectfully request that my action in executing such conveyance be approved by this Grand Lodge, or that such action may be taken with reference thereto as in your wisdom shall seem best.

The Philadelphia Conference.

On the initiative of George B. Orlady, R.W. Grand Master, F. and A.M., of the State of Pennsylvania, a conference was held in the city of Philadelphia on the first, second and third days of June last, by the Grand Masters of Masons of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States east of the Mississippi River.

Invitation had been extended to the Grand Master of each of the states east of the Mississippi River. All, however, were not able to attend. The conference was attended by the Grand Masters of the following states, or by their official representatives: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

This conference was called in the hope of eliminating those differences in the laws of the several Grand Jurisdictions which are the most frequent cause of irritation and misunderstanding. There has been some little suspicion that the purpose of such conference either avowed or

covert, was to pave the way for the formation of a National Grand Lodge. No such purpose, however, was suggested by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, who acted as the presiding officer at such conference, and I am sure that no such purpose received serious consideration from any considerable number of those participating in the conference, and no one proposed it. It is true that our distinguished brother, Charles N. Mikels, Past Grand Master of Masons of Indiana, who at such conference represented the present Grand Master, seemed to be in favor of a National Grand Lodge, and since such conference Brother Mikels has sent to Grand Masters and to many other Masons an interesting contribution of his own favoring this idea. I am sure that I can say that there is no likelihood of there being even a serious proposition to form a National Grand Lodge as a result of this conference, or of any similar conference which may be hereafter held. So far as I am personally concerned, I know of no desirable purpose which could be served by the formation of a National Grand Lodge. Occasionally some enthusiastic brother whose enthusiasm lifts his feet off the ground, shouts vociferously for a National Grand Lodge, but I don't know of any desirable function which such an organization could accomplish. It would be a novelty, if not a monstrosity in the world. There is no National Grand Lodge of the British Empire. England has her Grand Lodge, Scotland and Ireland have their Grand Lodges. The several autonomous districts of Canada have respectively their Grand Lodge and so it is as to all the various autonomous parts of the British Empire. There is not now in my opinion and never will be in this country, any such demand for a National Grand Lodge as can elevate the consideration of the question above the domain of pure empiricism. We have no more use for a National Grand Lodge than a duck has for an umbrella.

The conference at Philadelphia was, as I have stated, for the purpose of suggesting to the several Grand Lodges of the United States, such modifications in their existing laws as would make our laws touching questions of residence, jurisdiction of candidates, jurisdiction over rejected material, and of many other matters, more nearly harmonious, somewhat as it has been ofttimes proposed that the several states of the Union in the interest of good morals ought to make their laws on marriage and divorce more nearly uniform.

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania at this conference, and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania through its other officers and the Masons generally of Pennsylvania and of Philadelphia, extended to the visiting representatives at that conference, the most cordial reception and entertainment. I am sure that that conference was fruitful of great good. The fact that I call attention to so few of the points covered, is only because I am pleased to say that the laws of this Grand

Jurisdiction were such that but very slight modification in one or two particulars would bring them into conformity with what was there found to be the more general practice throughout the states. This conference was held with the full knowledge on the part of all who participated in it that it had no legislative power whatever. That it could do nothing but consider those matters wherein the laws of the several Grand Jurisdictions were markedly different and were of such nature as to cause friction and irritation in the correspondence among the several Grand Lodges. It was definitely understood and stated repeatedly that the conference could do no more than to recommend to the several Grand Lodges such changes as would be effective in the attainment of this purpose. It was agreed at the conference that only those things should be recommended which received the unanimous consent of all present.

The several recommendations of the conference were as follows:

First: "The name of the petitioner should be subscribed in full to the petition."

This refers to a petition to be made a Mason or for membership, and is already the law in Illinois.

Second: "The date and place of the birth of the petitioner should be given in the petition."

This is not required by our law but is wholly unobjectionable and would ofttimes be very useful.

Third: "The occupation of the petitioner should be designated in the petition, specifically and in detail, both with relation to himself and to his employer, if any."

This is not required under the laws of Illinois, but the purpose and effect of such a law is more accurately to describe the petitioner and to put it in the power of the lodge or of its committee to learn all needful things about the petitioner.

Fourth: "Where the petitioner resides in a city having streets that are named and houses that are numbered, he should state in his petition the name of his street and the number of his house." This is required by our laws.

The four points above mentioned, all relate to petitions to be made a Mason or for membership. The recommendations above quoted would be quite helpful in many instances and could possibly be harmful in none, and I therefore unhesitatingly recommend that such amendments to our by-laws be offered as would embody in the petition the requirements of the second and third recommendations above quoted. I know that it sometimes happens that a petitioner will designate his occupation by some general term such as that he is a salesman or a manager, etc.,

and it can be seen at once that he might be a salesman in a very disreputable employment or he might be a manager of a wholly unlawful enterprise.

Fifth: "The members of the investigating committee where such a committee is appointed, should subscribe to a report in writing, when required, as to a thorough investigation of the character of the petitioner. This recommendation applying only to those jurisdictions where reports in writing are required."

This fifth recommendation it will be seen, has no application to Illinois, as we do not require a written report from the committee.

Sixth: "A petition to be made a Mason should state that the petitioner has never before petitioned a lodge of Masons to be made a Mason or in cases where the petitioner has before petitioned to be made a Mason, he should state the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the lodge previously petitioned and the date as near as may be of such petition."

This is already substantially the law of Illinois.

Seventh: "A petitioner should have resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge for one year; that is, have had a legal residence there for one year."

This is already the law of Illinois.

Eighth: "When application is made by a petitioner whose legal residence is in another jurisdiction which by its laws claims the petitioner as its material, a waiver of jurisdiction should be requested from the last named jurisdiction."

This is the law of Illinois.

Ninth: "The form of renunciation used in Pennsylvania, should be required from petitioners who have been identified with clandestine bodies." I took the position at that conference that a so-called clandestine lodge or bogus lodge is in fact no lodge and that there was no reason why we should require a renunciation of that which from our point of view has no existence, and my own personal opinion is that to require any form of renunciation under the circumstances, is only to dignify that which is really beneath our notice. But it appeared at this conference that some of our sister jurisdictions have had wide experience in this matter and were quite solicitous that this recommendation be adopted. I did not, therefore, continue my opposition to its adoption as I could see that such a renunciation might be helpful in many instances and I do not know that it could be harmful in any.

Tenth: "No petition to be made a Mason should be received from one previously rejected in another jurisdiction within five years after

such rejection, until the rejecting lodge has by unanimous ballot waived its claim of jurisdiction." This, as will be seen, involved the question of perpetual jurisdiction. I was somewhat surprised to find at this conference that our Illinois law whereby we claim perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, is somewhat out of harmony with the prevailing laws of the several Grand Lodges of this country. Some of the Grand Lodges have a law similar to ours. Most of them, however, do not. Indeed, during my service as your Grand Master, I have had this experience; that a man rejected by a lodge in Illinois petitions a lodge in another state which does not recognize our perpetual jurisdiction and indeed some of the states do not recognize jurisdiction in another state over rejected material at all and I have seen parties rejected by Illinois lodges regularly made Masons in states where they do not give heed to our claim of perpetual jurisdiction. I had never given this subject much thought until I attended this conference. I am persuaded that it would be well to change our law to conform to the recommendation of the conference. This recommendation it will be seen proposes to recognize jurisdiction over rejected material for a term of five years and this would require a marked change in the laws of several states as some states only require that the petitioner shall have resided in the state the length of time required by their by-laws, and the fact that he was at an earlier date rejected by a lodge in another state is no objection whatever. All states in which the law is this way, will, of course, if they adopt this recommendation, be required to recognize the jurisdiction for a term of five years. I confess I see no good reason why jurisdiction over rejected material should be perpetual. If a party is rejected by my lodge having resided in the state a year and within the jurisdiction of my lodge for six months, he may very shortly after his rejection move into the jurisdiction of another lodge in this state or in another state. He may live in the jurisdiction of that other lodge several years and be much better known in that community and to the members of that lodge than he was in my lodge. To say in such a case that the members of my lodge are the only Masons who can judge as to whether such party may properly be made a Mason, is in my opinion, an assumption that is not sound. I believe that if this Grand Lodge will modify its existing law to conform to this recommendation, it will be helpful and if the other Grand Lodges of the country will do the same, it will tend very greatly to promote harmony in the interstate correspondence of the several Grand Masters. As among our own lodges we can still hold perpetual jurisdiction.

Eleventh: "All intra jurisdictional communications should be sent through the offices of the Grand Masters."

I think this provision is wise from my experience and recommend its adoption here.

Return of the Members of the Western Star Lodge No 107 Ancient York Masons held in the Village of Haskaskia in the Indiana Territory under the Authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and of their Institutions, admissions, Raisings &c. From the Commencement of the said Lodge, Being the 14th December 1805 and of Masonry 5805 to St John's Day December 1806 — — — — By —

Names	What Degree	When Initiated or admitted	When Passed	When Raised	Members Expelled When	Members withdrawn When —	Remarks, Deceased When
James Edgar	P. M.	14 Decr. 1805					
Rufus Easton	M: M.	14 Decr. 1805					was Called to the Worshipful Master's Assistance at the Commencement but had Resigned
Michael Jones	M: M.	14 Decr. 1805					
Robert Robinson	P. M.	14 Decr. 1805					
William Arundel	P. M.	14 Decr. 1805					
Alexander Anderson	P. M.	14 Decr. 1805				24 March 1806	
James Galbraith	P. M.	14 Decr. 1805					
Charles Quirey	M: M.	3 Febr. 1806	4 Febr. 1806	5 Febr. 1806			
Doctr. Walter Fenwick	F. C.	17 Febr. 1806	1 March 1806	—			
George Bullett	M: M.	17 Febr. 1806	1 March 1806	6 Decr. 1806			
John Hays	M: M.	18 Febr. 1806	19 Febr. 1806	10th March 1806			
John Hay	M: M.	18 Febr. 1806	19 Febr. 1806	10 March 1806			
Francois Vallé	M: M.	1 March. 1806	16 March 1806	24 March 1806			
Louis Labowy alias Morse	M: M.	1 March 1806	16 March 1806	24 March 1806			
Stephen Foster	M: M.	1 March 1806	10 March 1806	17 March 1806			
Andrew Henry	M: M.	24 March 1806	24 March 1806	24 March 1806			
James Moore	Ent. A.	1 Novr. 1806	—				
Henry Dodge	Ent. A.	6 Decr. 1806					
Thomas Oliver	Ent. A.	6 Decr. 1806					

I James Edgar Worshipful Master of the Western Star Lodge No 107 Ancient York Masons do hereby Certify to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that the foregoing is a Just and true Return of the Members of the Western Star Lodge No 107 and of the Institution, admissions &c. in the said Lodge, as above Stated during the time above mentioned —

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Private Seal. There being no Seal of the said Lodge, at Haskaskia 27th day of December 1806 and in the Year of Masonry 5806 —

Js Edgar (Seal) Worshipful Master W: S Lodge No 107

Attest William Arundel Secretary of W: S: Lodge No 107 —

N.B. On the 13th September 1806 this Lodge was Instituted and the Officers Installed in Conformity with Warrant and Dispensation Granted for that Purpose by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Dated 2d June 1806 and of Masonry 5806 as will appear by the Return heretofore made —

Js Edgar

Records of Western Star Lodge No. 107.

I presume that most Masons in Illinois know the fact that the present Grand Lodge is not the first Grand Lodge of Masons which was established in this state. I do not now take the time to go into the history of the matter except to say that the first lodge of Masons in Illinois was Western Star Lodge No. 107, at Kaskaskia, Illinois, which received its dispensation from the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

While attending the Conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, I made some inquiry about any papers or records connected with this ancient lodge and by the unexpected generosity of R.W. Grand Master George B. Orlady, of Pennsylvania, I was given the first returns made by Western Star Lodge No. 107, to the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in December, A.D. 1806. This is the only ancient Masonic document in the State of Illinois today, so far as I am advised. It is a most valuable find and I know will be of profound interest to every Mason in this state. I have therefore had the same duplicated in exact form and size as a part of this address, and thus it will be preserved in our Proceedings, and the publisher of the Proceedings will no doubt print a large number of the sheets which will not be put into the Proceedings and any of the brethren who desire to get a copy will thus be able to procure it from the Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Company, of Bloomington, the publishers of these Proceedings. I will deposit with our Grand Secretary the document thus received. I do not know of anything in the history of Masonry in this state since the organization of the present Grand Lodge which is of more historical value than this.

A Home for the Grand Lodge.

The one thing about the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia which impressed me, I think, more profoundly than all other things. was the splendid Temple in Philadelphia owned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It furnishes beautiful offices with every conceivable convenience and equipment for the Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. It had a large room for the meetings of the Grand Lodge, committee rooms, and beautiful rooms for the meetings of constituent lodges. It has a splendid library and museum and is a complete and elaborate home for Masonry in Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Illinois is in point of numbers, at least the greatest on this continent excepting only that of New York. I am thoroughly convinced that this Grand Lodge ought seriously to consider the establishing in this state of a home for itself. We could acquire sufficient real estate in Chicago, outside the business district, but in a part of the city where good hotels are conveniently located, and erect a building which would be

creditable to us and of which we would all be proud. As it is now, our Grand Lodge has no abiding place and our Grand Officers have no home. The records and papers in the Grand Secretary's office are shipped from point to point as one Grand Secretary is succeeded by another. The Grand Treasurer keeps his books in his place of business and the Grand Master keeps his records and papers wherever he happens to be or to live. Our Grand Lodge has no museum. It has no library worthy of the name, and it has no permanent place of meeting. Since I have been attending this Grand Lodge, we have met in theaters and music halls, and have drifted about from place to place. I know that it will cost money to acquire a site and erect the building, but so do all other good things in this world cost money, and I for one am in favor of doing it anyhow. I fully understand that we are now erecting buildings and contracting large liabilities, but we are a large and powerful organization. To wait until we can, by the practice of economy in expenditures, save a sum sufficient to erect such a temple as I have in mind, would be to postpone to the indefinite future that which we might as well have now. We have a total membership in this state of nearly one hundred thousand. We could raise the Grand Lodge dues by specifically providing that the amount of the increase should be a special fund to be known as the Masonic Temple Fund and to be used for the purpose here referred to. Even if it should cost several hundred thousand dollars to accomplish the purpose which I indicate, a tax of fifty cents a year or one dollar a year would accomplish it in so short a time that we would very speedily acquire the amount desired. It might be considered whether this Grand Lodge with its abundant means of revenue might not issue bonds to a reasonable amount for the purpose intended. If we could build such a temple either here in Chicago or at some other point in the state, if thought best, we would do more to put Masonry on a real permanent footing than any other thing that we could do, and I regard it as a matter of supreme importance that our Grand Lodge build up a real Masonic Library and museum of interest historically and Masonically, that there shall be a place with ample room where all the records, files and correspondence of our Grand Officers, their books of account and all things appertaining to this Grand Lodge, may be assembled and safely kept, and where our Grand Lodge will have a regular and permanent place of meeting.

It will perhaps be suggested that the provision in Section 5 of our charter which provides that this Grand Lodge shall have authority "to borrow money not exceeding one thousand dollars at any one time," is such a limitation as would prevent the Grand Lodge from effectuating the scheme here suggested by contracting indebtedness therefor. If it should be thought that such is the effect of this charter provision,

and I admit that I am myself of that opinion, we can nevertheless accomplish the purpose otherwise. A company or association could be formed which could acquire the real estate and make improvements, issuing bonds therefor, and this Grand Lodge in consideration that the Company would convey the property to it when the bonds were paid might guarantee the payment of the bonds. There is no limitation in the charter against the incurring of liabilities. Without now taking pains to elaborate the details of the method whereby the purpose in view could be accomplished, I feel quite sure that there are heads in this Grand Lodge which can give form and effect to the project and carry it to a triumphant conclusion. I am sure that there are a great many Masons in Illinois who would very willingly take a bond of a thousand dollars guaranteed by this Grand Lodge. I will venture to state that I can raise half a million dollars right now before this Grand Lodge adjourns from the Masons who are here in Chicago upon a guarantee for the re-payment of the same by this Grand Lodge. I most earnestly recommend that this subject be referred to a special committee with directions to report in full at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Conclusion.

Now that my year's work is nearly completed and my service as your Grand Master is rapidly drawing to a close, I have nothing but sincere gratitude in my heart to all the brethren of this Grand Lodge and to the fraternity generally throughout the state. Now that it is all over, I will admit that when I was elected Junior Grand Warden, I was immensely gratified, but being thus placed in line and feeling reasonable assurance that I would probably be regularly advanced until I became Grand Master, I was never in the least impatient at the delay in advancement. Indeed I knew that while I was in line and being regularly promoted, I was something of a notable in the Grand Lodge, and now I know that when I step back and take my place among the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, I will not be by any means of such importance as before. I am profoundly grateful to my brethren for the repeated honors which have been conferred upon me. I have done my best at all times to deserve your confidence. I have served you in this capacity two years; indeed I enjoy the unique distinction of having served as Grand Master one week longer than any of my predecessors, so that I will have this to distinguish my administration if nothing else shall serve that purpose. My experience as Grand Master, whether of benefit to the craft or not, has been immensely improving to me. I have worked hard. I have never neglected anything that I knew should be done. I have given every question that came before me my best consideration and have in hundreds of instances by the exercise of patience and good na-

ture, avoided friction and allayed irritation and reinstated an era of good feeling among brethren who before then had become estranged.

I would not take anything for the proud distinction of having been Grand Master of Masons of this state. But I am like the newly married man that I heard of who was telling about the baby that had come to his home. He said he loved it immensely and would not take a million dollars for it, but he would not have another in the house for two millions. So while I am proud beyond measure at the distinction of having been Grand Master, and would not take a million dollars for the experience, and the honor thus conferred upon me, I would not undertake the job again.

In everything that I have done I have had the cordial co-operation and support of my brethren. The brightest and dearest thing in the office of Grand Master is the cordiality with which the craft throughout the state seconds the efforts of the Grand Master in all that he may do for our interest. I now thank all of my associate officers of this Grand Lodge, all of my District Deputies, and members of Committees, the Masters and officers of constituent lodges and my brethren generally throughout the state for the kind forbearance with which they have treated me and the generous assistance which they have ungrudgingly accorded me on all occasions.

When I retire from this position, I shall feel that I do so with the cordial good will of all my brethren. I shall take my place among the Past Grand Masters of Illinois with a feeling of profound gratitude to all the brethren. I have now in this Grand Lodge no ambition except to be useful to Masonry. I shall surrender to my successor in office this gavel of authority without one lingering regret. First, because I shall be glad to be relieved of the responsibility, and next, because I know that it will pass into worthy and able hands. I hope to attend this Grand Lodge each year as long as I live. The friendships formed here have been the brightest and dearest in life, and it shall be my constant effort to keep them undimmed while we journey together on life's pathway.

ALEXANDER H. BELL,
Grand Master.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Grand Master's address.

REPORT—Of the Grand Treasurer.

The R.W. Grand Treasurer, Leroy A. Goddard, presented his report.

CHICAGO, October 8, 1909.

LEROY A. GODDARD, *Grand Treasurer,*
In Account with M.W. GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M., OF ILLINOIS.

GENERAL FUND.

1908.		DEBIT.			
Oct.	5.	Balance on hand, as per last report			$ 43,779 30
Nov.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	$ 143 10		
Dec.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	107 50		
1909.					
Jan.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	31 00		
Feb.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	230 00		
Feb.	18.	Transferred from I.M.O.H. Fund, Voucher No. 82	776 28		
Mar.	8.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	1,173 50		
Apr.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	424 02		
May	10.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	118 00		
June	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	27 75		
July	6.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	236 00		
Aug.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	32,821 35		
Sept.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	19,656 34		
Sept.	27.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	700 56		
				56,445 40	
		Total			$100,224 70

1909. CREDIT.

Oct.	8.	By mileage and per diem paid officers and committees since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith$	3,378 00	
Oct.	8.	By mileage and per diem paid representatives since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith	16,326 10	
Oct.	8.	By miscellaneous orders paid since last report, as per vouchers returned herewith, numbered 24 to 36 both inclusive; 39, 40; 42, 43; 46 to 54 both inclusive; 58 to 78 both inclusive; 81; 83 to 93 both inclusive; 97 to 104 both inclusive; 106; 110 to 112; both inclusive; 114; 116 to 118 both inclusive; 121 to 125 both inclusive; 128 to 131 both inclusive; 135 to 138 both inclusive; 141 to 143 both inclusive; 146 to 153 both inclusive	22,023 16	
Oct.	8.	By vouchers herewith, paid salaries Grand Officers, Nos. 57, 38, 44, 45, 55, 56, 57, 79, 80, 94, 95, 107, 108, 109, 119, 120, 126, 127, 133, 134, 139, 140, 144, 145, 154, 155, and 156.....	4,900 00	
				46,627 26
		Balance on hand		53,597 44
		Total		$100,224 70

Charity Fund.

1908. DEBIT.

Oct.	5.	Balance on hand, as per last report.....$		31,396 72
Nov.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary$	87 50	
Dec.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	3,909 94	
1909.				
Feb.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	148 00	
Mar.	8.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	22 75	

Apr.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	81 25	
June	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	8 00	
Aug.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	21,016 45	
Sept.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	12,302 55	
Sept.	27.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	460 20	
				38,036 64
		Total		$ 69,433 36

1909. CREDIT.

Oct.	8.	By vouchers herewith paid since last report, Nos. 15 to 50, both inclusive..	$37,924 59	
		Balance on hand	31,508 77	
		Total		69,433 36

Orphans' Home Fund.

1908. DEBIT.

Oct.	5.	Balance on hand, as per last report		$ 10,504 77
Nov.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	$ 250 00	
Dec.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	510 00	
1909.				
Jan.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	450 00	
Feb.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	414 50	
Mar.	8.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	10 00	
Apr.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	240 00	
May	10.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	5,333 33	
June	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	5,946 67	
July	6.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	200 00	

Aug.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	417 50	
Sept.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	10 00	
Sept.	27.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	246 00	
				14,028 00
		Total		$24,532 77

1909. CREDIT.

Oct.	8.	By vouchers herewith paid since last report, Nos. 82, 96, 105, 113, and 132.	$ 2,224 54	
		Balance on hand	22,308 23	
		Total		$24,532 77

Home for Aged Fund.

1908. DEBIT.

Oct.	5.	Balance on hand, as per last report		$2,773 44
Dec.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	$ 20 00	
1909.				
Feb.	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	150 00	
Apr.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	40 00	
June	2.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	20 00	
Aug.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	150 00	
Sept.	27.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	40 00	
				420 00
		Total		$3,193 44

1909. CREDIT.

Oct.	8.	By voucher herewith paid since last report, No. 41	$ 2,041 82	
		Balance on hand	1,151 62	
		Total		$3,193 44

Masonic Home Fund.

1908. DEBIT.

Oct.	5.	Balance on hand, as per last report		$204 55
Dec.	1.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	$55 65	
1909.				
Aug.	3.	Received from Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary	5 00	
				60 65
		Total		$265 20

1909. CREDIT.

Oct. 8. No vouchers paid during the past year.

Balance on hand $265 20

In addition to the cash balances reported above, the M.W. Grand Lodge owns the following securities, all of which are now in my possession as Grand Treasurer, and deposited in safety vault specifically designated as the property of the M.W. Grand Lodge:

Charity Fund.

Seven City of Chicago 4 per cent bonds, due 1915, $1,000 each, numbered 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069 and 388; coupons January and July	$ 7,000 00
Four Cook County bonds, due 1919, $1,000 each, numbered 3261, 3262, 3263, 3264; coupons March and September...	4,000 00
Eight shares stock Masonic Fraternity Temple Association...	800 00
	$11,800 00

Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund.

Fifteen Registered Illinois Central R. R. Co. 4 per cent gold bonds, due 1953, $1,000 each, numbered 7133, 7134, 7135, 7136, 7137, 7138, 7139, 7140, 7141, 7142, 7143, 7144, 13060, 13086, 13089; interest due May and November	$15,000 00
Ten Sanitary District of Chicago 4 per cent bonds, due 1919, $1,000 each, numbered 21856, 21857, 21858, 21859, 21860, 21861, 21862, 21863, 21864, 21865; coupons June and December	10,000 00
Five Sanitary District of Chicago 4 per cent bonds, due 1919, $1,000 each, numbered 18341, 18342, 18343, 18344, 18345; coupons, April and October	5,000 00

Five Sanitary District of Chicago 4 per cent bonds, due 1920, $1,000 each, numbered 18568, 18569, 18570, 18571, 18572; coupons, April and October	5,000 00
Ten City of Chicago 4 per cent bonds due 1910, $1,000 each, numbered 939, 940, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973; coupons January and July	10,000 00
Five City of Chicago 4 per cent bonds, due 1912, $1,000 each, numbered 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70; coupons January and July	5,000 00
Ten Cook County 4 per cent bonds, due 1917, $1,000 each, numbered 2863, 2864, 2865, 2866, 2867, 2868, 2869, 2870, 2871, and 2872; coupons March and September	10,000 00
One Cook County 4 per cent bond, due 1919, No. 3265; coupons March and September	1,000 00
Ten Lincoln Park, Chicago, 4 per cent bonds, due 1924, $1,000 each, numbered 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409 and 410; coupons May and November	10,000 00
Eight Mattoon Township 4 per cent bonds due 1920, $1,000 each; numbered 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37; coupons, May 1, annually	8,000 00
Five Illinois Central R. R. Co. 4 per cent bonds, due 1952, $500 each, numbered 14218, 14219, 14220, 15418, 15592; coupons April and October	2,500 00
One U. S. Government 4 per cent bond, No. 19451, due 1925; coupons quarterly	1,000 00
Total	$82,500 00

HOME FOR AGED FUND.

Seven City of Chicago 4 per cent Bonds, due 1918, $1,000 each, numbered 1062, 1063, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079 and 1080, coupons January and July	$7,000 00
One City of Chicago 4 per cent Bond, due 1921, No. 4186, coupons January and July	500 00
One Illinois Central R. R. Co. 4 per cent bond, due 1953, No. 4583; interest May and November	1,000 00
One Cook County 4 per cent Bond, due 1917, No. 2874, interest March and September	1,000 00
One Wabash R. R. Co. 4 per cent bond, due 1941, No. 1722; interest March and September	1,000 00
	$10,500 00

ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME FUND.

One Cook County 4 per cent Bond, due 1917, No. 2873, coupons March and September $1,000 00

SUMMARY.

Bonds and securities on hand, all funds	$105,800 00
Cash on hand, all funds	108,831 26
Total Assets in Treasury	$214,631 26

Fraternally submitted,

LEROY A. GODDARD,
Grand Treasurer.

This certifies that at the close of business, October 8, 1909, the following credit balances appeared on the books of the State Bank of Chicago to the accounts as listed below:

Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M.—

General Fund	$53,597 44
Charity Fund	31,508 77
Orphans' Home Fund	22,308 22
Home for Aged Fund	1,151 62
Masonic Home Fund	265 20

HENRY S. HENSCHEN, *Cashier.*

The R.W. Grand Treasurer asked that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance. It was so ordered.

REPORT—Of Grand Secretary.

The R.W. Grand Secretary, Isaac Cutter, presented his report.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

In accordance with the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, I herewith submit my annual report:

Orders Drawn.

Orders have been drawn on the Grand Treasurer at and since the last Annual Communication for the following amounts:

To Mileage and per diem of Officers and Committees	$ 3,378 00
Mileage and per diem of Representatives	16,326 10
Dr. Robbins, Committee on Correspondence	500 00
C. S. Gurney, Grand Tyler	100 00
C. S. Gurney, expense of Grand Lodge	73 76
C. Rohrbough, error in mileage	4 30
Masonic Temple Ass'n, rent	300 00
Z. T. Griffin, stenographer	50 00
G. A. Stadler, Deputy Grand Secretary	25 00
W. B. Grimes, mileage and per diem	50 00
Masonic Relief Association	427 90
Printing 2,500 Blue Books	809 00
H. P. Behrensmeyer, engrossing, etc	101 00
C. S. Gurney, washing aprons	22 50
Pantagraph Ptg. & Sta. Co., proceedings and advance copies	4,089 07
Expense Grand Secretary's office, postage	415 10
Expense Grand Secretary's office, miscellaneous	247 85
Expense Grand Master's office	636 60
Premium on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Sec.	152 88
Miscellaneous printing	441 36
W. J. Hempstreet & Co., insurance	10 99
H. M. Dietrich, fees	550 00
A. H. Bell, purchase lots for I.M.O.H	10,372 03
W. C. Hippard, Appellate Court costs	270 65
D. D. Darrah, suit case for Grand Examiners	15 00
E. E. B. Sawyer, insurance	50 80
Repairs on Illinois Masonic Home	28 15
Owen Scott, settlement Miller Bros	753 31
McMein Printing Co., printing	5 50
A. H. Bell, registration fees	4 25
Expenses Board of Grand Examiners, School at Olney	218 80
Expenses Board of Grand Examiners, School at Granite City	215 60

Expenses Board of Grand Examiners, School at Danville..	200 30
Expenses Board of Grand Examiners, School at Aurora...	211 50
Expenses Board of Grand Examiners, School at Rock Island	238 00
Expenses Committee Valle de Mexico, Quincy.....	136 90
James A. Steele, taxes on Home farm	82 71
Owen Scott, Decatur to Quincy and return.....	28 10
Geo. W. Cyrus, printing	134 25
F. W. Burton, attorney fees	50 00
A. H. Bell, salary	1,500 00
L. A. Goddard, salary	400 00
Isaac Cutter, salary	3,000 00
	$46,627 26

Charity Fund.

To C. S. Gurney, maintenance Illinois Masonic Home.....$25,000 00	
C. S. Gurney, maintenance Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	10,000 00
Zentner Bros., rent	1,800 00
Order Grand Lodge	80 00
C. S. Gurney, deficit Illinois Masonic Home.....	218 09
L. A. Goddard for Miriam Allen	200 00
Orangeville Lodge for Mrs. J. C. Barnds	100 00
H. W. Berks for J. Crabtree	100 00
L. H. Bailey for H. M. Tinkler	100 00
C. H. Catlin, nurse for Dr. Robbins	176 50
Hiram Ingersoll for J. H. Van Blair	100 00
A. M. Sharp for W. M. Walker	50 00
	$37,924 59

Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund.

To L. A. Goddard, for General Fund$	776 28
A. H. Bell, balance on Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home...	802 95
H. W. Dietrich & Co., fees	29 50
Owen Scott, taxes	115 81
J. A. Steele, Building Fund	500 00
	$2,224 54

Home for Aged Fund.

L. A. Goddard, investment$2,041 82	

I herewith submit an itemized account of all moneys received by me as Grand Secretary during the past year:

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Bodley	1	$ 230 40	Whitehall	80	$ 68 40
Equality	2	32 40	Vitruvius	81	56 70
Harmony	3	187 20	DeWitt	84	160 20
Springfield	4	195 30	Mitchell	85	84 60
Friendship	7	193 50	Kaskaskia	86	26 10
Macon	8	522 90	Mt. Pulaski	87	67 50
Rushville	9	85 50	Havana	88	90 00
St. Johns	13	113 40	Fellowship	89	104 40
Warren	14	54 00	Jerusalem Temple	90	232 20
Peoria	15	492 30	Metropolis	91	96 30
Temperance	16	72 00	Stewart	92	125 10
Macomb	17	166 50	Toulon	93	67 50
Clinton	19	157 50	Perry	95	57 60
Hancock	20	132 30	Samuel H. Davis	96	49 50
Cass	23	129 60	Excelsior	97	315 90
St. Clair	24	131 40	Taylor	98	82 80
Franklin	25	81 90	Edwardsville	99	114 30
Piasa	27	150 30	Astoria	100	71 10
Pekin	29	101 70	Rockford	102	333 90
Mt. Vernon	31	122 40	Magnolia	103	63 90
Oriental	33	452 70	Lewistown	104	82 80
Barry	34	104 40	Winchester	105	55 80
Charleston	35	160 20	Lancaster	106	99 00
Kavanaugh	36	97 70	Versailles	108	53 10
Monmouth	37	156 60	Trenton	109	41 40
Olive Branch	38	379 80	Lebanon	110	43 20
Herman	39	101 70	Jonesboro	111	54 90
Occidental	40	195 30	Bureau	112	53 10
Mt. Joliet	42	345 60	Robert Burns	113	63 00
Bloomington	43	269 10	Marcelline	114	51 30
Hardin	44	100 80	Rising Sun	115	83 70
Griggsville	45	68 40	Vermont	116	45 90
Temple	46	762 30	Elgin	117	276 30
Caledonia	47	45 90	Waverly	118	82 80
Unity	48	80 10	Henry	119	68 40
Cambridge	49	76 50	Mound	122	132 30
Carrollton	50	125 10	Oquawka	123	53 10
Mt. Moriah	51	91 80	Cedar	124	142 20
Benevolent	52	54 00	Greenup	125	44 10
Jackson	53	117 00	Empire	126	95 40
Washington	55	55 80	Antioch	127	63 00
Trio	57	213 10	Raleigh	128	44 10
Fraternal	58	104 40	Greenfield	129	64 80
New Boston	59	81 00	Marion	130	115 20
Belvidere	60	250 20	Golconda	131	54 90
Lacon	61	57 60	Mackinaw	132	45 00
St. Marks	63	102 60	Marshall	133	90 90
Benton	64	97 20	Sycamore	134	161 10
Euclid	65	95 40	Lima	135	41 40
Pacific	66	56 70	Hutsonville	136	25 20
Acacia	67	135 90	Polk	137	84 60
Eureka	69	44 10	Marengo	138	72 90
Central	71	198 90	Geneva	139	71 10
Chester	72	55 80	Olney	140	88 20
Rockton	74	65 70	Garden City	141	1187 10
Roscoe	75	54 90	Ames	142	57 60
Mt. Nebo	76	103 50	Richmond	143	60 30
Prairie	77	262 80	DeKalb	144	160 20
Waukegan	78	311 40	A. W. Rawson	145	60 30
Scott	79	42 30	Lee Center	146	48 60

LODGE DUES FOR THE YEAR 1909.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Clayton	147	$ 55 80	Leroy	221	$ 64 80
Bloomfield	148	117 00	Geo. Washington	222	101 70
Effingham	149	64 80	Pana	226	188 10
Vienna	150	72 90	Columbus	227	23 40
Bunker Hill	151	71 10	Lovington	228	93 60
Fidelity	152	44 10	Manchester	229	35 10
Clay	153	79 20	New Haven	230	67 50
Russell	154	81 90	Wyanet	231	42 30
Alpha	155	155 70	Farmers	232	69 30
Delavan	156	81 90	Blandinsville	233	90 00
Urbana	157	288 90	DuQuoin	234	92 70
McHenry	158	68 40	Dallas City	235	69 30
Kewanee	159	169 20	Charter Oak	236	92 70
Waubansia	160	271 80	Cairo	237	177 30
Virden	161	98 10	Black Hawk	238	54 90
Hope	162	72 00	Mt. Carmel	239	135 00
Edward Dobbins	164	71 10	Western Star	240	278 10
Atlanta	165	71 10	Shekinah	241	137 70
Star in the East	166	366 30	Galva	243	124 20
Milford	168	70 20	Horicon	244	101 70
Nunda	169	63 00	Greenville	245	87 30
Evergreen	170	157 50	El Paso	246	88 20
Girard	171	84 60	Rob Morris	247	50 40
Wayne	172	42 30	Golden Gate	248	59 40
Cherry Valley	173	53 10	Hibbard	249	42 30
Lena	174	64 80	Robinson	250	101 70
Matteson	175	326 70	Heyworth	251	83 70
Mendota	176	94 50	Aledo	252	127 80
Staunton	177	114 30	Avon Harmony	253	39 60
Illinois Central	178	101 70	Aurora	254	255 60
Wabash	179	36 90	Donnelson	255	35 10
Moweaqua	180	62 10	Warsaw	257	55 80
Germania	182	282 60	Mattoon	260	227 70
Meridian	183	44 10	Amon	261	36 00
Abingdon	185	82 80	Channahon	262	52 20
Mystic Tie	187	71 10	Illinois	263	344 70
Cyrus	188	79 20	Franklin Grove	264	29 70
Fulton City	189	64 80	Vermilion	265	45 90
Dundee	190	131 40	Kingston	266	40 50
Farmington	192	108 90	La Prairie	267	44 10
Herrick	193	27 90	Paris	268	178 20
Freedom	194	45 00	Wheaton	269	98 10
La Harpe	195	114 30	Levi Lusk	270	27 90
Louisville	196	63 00	Blaney	271	189 90
King Solomon's	197	49 50	Carmi	272	79 20
Homer	199	88 20	Miners	273	135 00
Sheba	200	36 90	Byron	274	57 60
Centralia	201	188 10	Milton	275	53 10
Lavely	203	63 00	Elizabeth	276	26 10
Flora	204	74 70	Accordia	277	146 70
Corinthian	205	58 50	Jo Daviess	278	126 90
Fairfield	206	122 40	Neoga	279	87 30
Tamaroa	207	45 90	Kansas	280	53 10
Wilmington	208	81 90	Brooklyn	282	58 50
Wm. B. Warren	209	433 80	Meteor	283	87 30
Logan	210	164 70	Catlin	285	91 80
Cleveland	211	532 80	Plymouth	286	60 30
Shipman	212	38 70	De Soto	287	108 00
Ipava	213	72 90	Genoa	288	90 00
Gillespie	214	59 40	Wataga	291	35 10
Newton	216	81 90	Chenoa	292	76 50
Mason	217	42 30	Prophetstown	293	73 80
New Salem	218	83 30	Pontiac	294	128 70
Oakland	219	103 50	Dills	295	39 60
Mahomet	220	38 70	Quincy	296	184 50

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LODGE DUES FOR THE YEAR 1909.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Benjamin	297	$ 93 60	Payson	379	$ 74 70
Wauconda	298	45 00	Liberty	380	35 10
Hinckley	301	72 90	Gill	382	26 10
Durand	302	60 30	LaMoille	383	52 20
Raven	303	37 80	Waltham	384	52 20
Onarga	305	60 30	Mississippi	385	153 90
W. C. Hobbs	306	72 00	Bridgeport	386	75 60
T. J. Pickett	307	90 00	El Dara	388	39 60
Ashlar	308	552 60	Kankakee	389	209 70
Harvard	309	127 80	Ashmore	390	52 20
Dearborn	310	633 60	Tolono	391	79 20
Kilwinning	311	577 80	Oconee	392	39 60
Ionic	312	396 00	Blair	393	441 90
York	313	74 70	Jerseyville	394	89 10
Palatine	314	75 60	Muddy Point	396	32 40
Abraham Jonas	316	27 90	Shiloh	397	39 60
J. L. Anderson	318	84 60	Kinmundy	398	81 90
Doric	319	235 80	Buda	399	39 60
Creston	320	40 50	Odell	401	44 10
Dunlap	321	90 00	Kishwaukee	402	47 70
Windsor	322	67 50	Mason City	403	89 10
Orient	323	32 40	Batavia	404	94 50
Harrisburg	325	129 60	Ramsey	405	61 20
Industry	327	49 50	Bethalto	406	28 80
Altona	330	45 90	Stratton	408	63 00
Mt. Erie	331	27 00	Thos. J. Turner	409	339 30
Tuscola	332	104 40	Mithra	410	139 50
Tyrian	333	204 30	Hesperia	411	595 80
Sumner	334	95 40	Bollen	412	23 40
Schiller	335	120 60	Evening Star	414	40 50
New Columbia	336	58 50	Lawn Ridge	415	33 30
Oneida	337	61 20	Paxton	416	99 00
Saline	339	39 60	Marseilles	417	97 20
Kedron	340	48 60	Freeburg	418	41 40
Full Moon	341	60 30	Reynoldsburg	419	29 70
Sumnerfield	342	20 70	Oregon	420	128 70
Wenona	344	46 80	Washburn	421	44 10
Milledgeville	345	72 00	Landmark	422	372 60
N. D. Morse	346	27 00	Lanark	423	63 90
Sidney	347	43 20	Exeter	424	27 90
Russellville	348	31 50	Scottville	426	63 00
Sublette	349	23 40	Red Bud	427	27 90
Fairview	350	45 90	Sunbeam	428	81 00
Tarbolton	351	117 00	Chebanse	429	42 30
Groveland	352	34 20	Kendrick	430	36 90
Kinderhook	353	30 60	Summit	431	47 70
Ark and Anchor	354	72 00	Murrayville	432	32 40
Marine	355	41 40	Annawan	433	58 50
Hermitage	356	64 80	Makanda	434	60 30
Orion	358	36 90	Philo	436	63 90
Blackberry	359	81 90	Chicago	437	469 80
Princeville	360	72 00	Camargo	440	50 40
Douglas	361	36 90	Sparland	441	44 10
Noble	362	44 10	Casey	442	68 40
Horeb	363	72 00	Hampshire	443	82 80
Tonica	364	54 90	Cave-in-Rock	444	27 90
Bement	365	77 40	Chesterfield	445	36 00
Arcola	366	100 80	Watseka	446	128 70
Oxford	367	48 60	S. D. Monroe	447	23 40
Jefferson	368	23 40	Yates City	448	47 70
Newman	369	78 30	Mendon	449	51 30
Livingston	371	81 90	Loami	450	59 40
Chambersburg	373	16 20	Bromwell	451	68 40
Shabonna	374	48 60	New Hartford	453	34 20
Aroma	378	34 20	Maroa	454	95 40

LODGE DUES FOR THE YEAR 1909.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Irving	455	$ 44 10	Maquon	530	$ 44 10
Nokomis	456	84 60	Ashton	531	63 90
Blazing Star	458	20 70	Seneca	532	52 20
Jeffersonville	460	38 70	Altamont	533	27 90
Plainview	461	24 30	Cuba	534	66 60
Tremont	462	36 90	Sherman	535	55 80
Palmyra	463	56 70	Plainfield	536	107 10
Denver	464	36 00	J. R. Gorin	537	44 10
Huntsville	465	34 20	Lockport	538	109 80
Cobden	466	55 80	Chatsworth	539	27 90
South Macon	467	79 20	Oak Park	540	449 10
Cheney's Grove	468	49 50	Stewardson	541	24 30
McLean	469	79 20	Towanda	542	22 50
Rantoul	470	73 80	Cordova	543	23 40
Kendall	471	77 40	Virginia	544	85 50
Amity	472	90 90	Valley	547	58 50
Gordon	473	34 20	Sharon	550	71 10
Columbia	474	43 20	Long Point	554	19 80
Walshville	475	13 50	Plum River	554	116 10
Manito	476	33 30	Humboldt	555	114 30
Rutland	477	46 80	Dawson	556	45 00
Pleiades	478	664 20	Lessing	557	178 20
Wyoming	479	92 70	Leland	558	41 40
Momence	481	92 70	Thomson	559	27 00
Lexington	482	57 60	Madison	560	22 50
Edgewood	484	45 00	Trinity	562	77 40
Xenia	485	25 20	Winslow	564	44 10
Bowen	486	48 60	Pleasant Hill	565	27 90
Andrew Jackson	487	16 20	Albany	566	63 90
Clay City	488	75 60	Frankfort	567	46 80
Cooper	489	43 20	Time	569	27 00
Shannon	490	49 50	Jacksonville	570	128 70
Martin	491	18 90	Bardolph	572	29 70
Libertyville	492	131 40	Gardner	573	83 70
Tower Hill	493	58 50	Pera	574	42 30
Stone Fort	495	69 30	Capron	575	66 60
Colchester	496	79 20	O'Fallon	576	46 80
Alma	497	53 10	Viola	577	56 70
Murphysboro	498	127 80	Prairie City	578	37 80
St. Paul	500	225 90	Hazel Dell	580	28 80
Stark	501	36 00	Dongola	581	31 50
Woodhull	502	44 10	Shirley	582	38 70
Odin	503	45 00	Highland	583	47 70
East St. Louis	504	275 40	Vesper	584	186 30
Meridian Sun	505	87 30	Fisher	585	31 50
O. H. Miner	506	67 50	Princeton	587	117 90
Home	508	453 60	Troy	588	31 50
Parkersburg	509	31 50	Fairmount	590	64 80
J. D. Moody	510	22 50	Gilman	591	67 50
Wade-Barney	512	218 70	Fieldon	592	26 10
Bradford	514	40 50	Miles Hart	595	54 90
Andalusia	516	56 70	Cerro Gordo	600	91 80
Litchfield	517	74 70	Farina	601	50 40
Abraham Lincoln	518	43 20	Watson	602	27 90
Roseville	519	50 40	Clark	603	98 10
Anna	520	97 20	Hebron	604	64 00
Illiopolis	521	68 40	Streator	607	213 30
Monitor	522	353 70	Piper	608	70 20
Chatham	523	64 80	Sheldon	609	85 50
Evans	524	387 00	Union Park	610	858 60
Delia	525	15 30	Lincoln Park	611	585 90
Covenant	526	809 10	Rock River	612	2 6 86
Rossville	527	103 50	Patoka	613	54 00
Minooka	528	47 70	Forrest	614	71 10
Adams	529	31 50	Wadley	616	52 20

LODGE DUES FOR THE YEAR 1909.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Good Hope	617	$ 58 50	Ewing	705	$ 28 80
Basco	618	15 30	Joppa	706	65 70
New Hope	620	18 90	Star	709	157 50
Hopedale	622	51 30	Farmer City	710	79 20
Locust	623	27 00	Providence	711	159 30
Union	627	21 60	Collinsville	712	90 00
Tuscan	630	47 70	Johnsonville	713	54 00
Norton	631	45 90	Collison	714	76 50
Ridge Farm	632	83 70	Elvaston	715	18 00
E. F. W. Ellis	633	147 60	Calumet	716	234 00
Buckley	634	16 20	Arcana	717	569 40
Rochester	635	30 60	May	718	19 80
Peotone	636	65 70	Chapel Hill	719	27 00
Keystone	639	351 00	Rome	721	48 60
Comet	641	54 00	Walnut	722	85 50
Apollo	642	461 70	Omaha	723	19 80
D. C. Cregier	643	501 30	Chandlerville	724	67 50
Oblong City	644	83 70	Rankin	725	63 90
San Jose	645	29 70	Golden Rule	726	795 60
Somonauk	646	87 30	Raritan	727	32 40
Blueville	647	51 30	Waterman	728	31 50
Camden	648	83 70	Lake Creek	729	64 80
Atwood	651	63 90	Eldorado	730	52 20
Greenview	653	72 00	Harbor	731	378 90
Yorktown	655	82 80	Carman	732	19 80
Mozart	656	87 30	Gibson	733	98 10
Lafayette	657	21 60	Morning Star	734	225 00
Rock Island	658	222 30	Sheridan	735	72 90
Lambert	659	247 50	Arrowsmith	737	23 40
Grand Chain	660	26 10	Saunemin	738	64 80
South Park	662	299 70	Lakeside	739	338 40
Mayo	664	22 50	New Holland	741	23 40
Beecher City	665	29 70	Danvers	742	43 20
Crawford	666	44 10	Scott Land	743	35 10
Erie	667	48 60	Goode	744	67 50
Burnt Prairie	668	42 30	Winnebago	745	48 60
Herder	669	230 40	Weldon	746	36 90
Fillmore	670	54 90	Centennial	747	38 70
Eddyville	672	27 00	Alta	748	56 70
Normal	673	71 10	Akin	749	52 20
Waldeck	674	234 90	Lyndon	750	48 60
Pawnee	675	85 50	Lounsbury	751	67 50
A. O. Fay	676	181 80	Allendale	752	35 10
Enfield	677	57 60	Ogden	754	108 90
Buffalo Prairie	679	75 60	Pre-emption	755	70 20
Clement	680	54 90	Hardinsville	756	55 80
Morrisonville	681	68 40	Verona	757	63 00
Blue Mound	682	83 70	Mystic Star	758	579 60
Burnside	683	74 70	Orel	759	75 60
Galatia	684	47 70	Sibley	761	26 10
Rio	685	79 20	Van Meter	762	76 50
Garfield	686	696 60	Crete	763	52 20
Orangeville	687	45 00	Sullivan	764	130 50
Clifton	688	54 00	Palace	765	261 00
Englewood	690	782 10	Littleton	766	22 50
Iola	691	23 40	Triluminar	767	342 00
Raymond	692	53 10	Mizpah	768	494 10
Herrin's Prairie	693	120 60	St. Elmo	769	80 10
Shiloh Hill	695	30 60	LaGrange	770	245 70
Belle Rive	696	34 20	Bay City	771	18 90
Richard Cole	697	406 80	New Burnside	772	28 80
Hutton	698	45 90	Mansfield	773	36 00
Pleasant Plains	700	62 10	Lake View	774	540 90
Temple Hill	701	24 30	Grand Crossing	776	348 30
Alexandria	702	74 70	Ravenswood	777	450 90
Braidwood	704	184 50	Gurney	778	43 20

LODGE DUES FOR THE YEAR 1909.—*Continued.*

LODGES.	NO.	DUES.	LODGES.	NO.	DUES.
Wright's Grove	779	$387 90	Stronghurst	847	38 70
Siloam	780	381 60	London	848	36 00
Potomac	782	66 60	Palestine	849	51 30
Constantia	783	234 00	Austin	850	459 00
Beacon Light	784	122 40	Chicago Heights	851	130 50
Riverton Union	786	77 40	Gothic	852	183 60
Morris	787	72 90	Latham	853	56 70
Lerna	788	45 90	Brighton Park	854	159 30
Auburn Park	789	399 60	King Oscar	855	413 10
Pittsfield	790	96 30	West Gate	856	37 80
Broadlands	791	60 30	Boyd D.	857	56 70
Calhoun	792	34 20	Utica	858	24 30
A. T. Darrah	793	36 00	Apple River	859	43 20
Tadmor	794	24 30	Metropolitan	860	332 10
Myrtle	795	238 50	Sorento	861	9 90
E. M. Husted	796	60 30	Riverside	862	72 00
Normal Park	797	516 60	St. Andrews	863	272 70
Sidell	798	48 60	Olympia	864	342 90
Colfax	799	43 20	St. Cecilia	865	211 50
Kenwood	800	611 10	West Salem	866	38 70
Sangamon	801	39 60	Chadwick	867	54 90
Williamson	802	88 20	Cornell	868	25 20
Neponset	803	39 60	Maywood	869	185 40
Kensington	804	233 10	Lostant	870	35 10
S. M. Dalzell	805	101 70	Argenta	871	59 40
Nebo	806	48 60	Free Will	872	36 00
Royal	807	31 50	Standard	873	327 60
Cornland	808	61 20	Nifong	874	33 30
Gilham	809	34 20	Cornerstone	875	240 30
Tracy	810	151 20	William McKinley	876	209 70
Melvin	811	49 50	Granite City	877	102 60
DeLand	812	27 00	Equity	878	184 50
Humboldt Park	813	449 10	Composite	879	171 90
Ohio	814	19 80	John B. Sherman	880	178 20
Lawn	815	157 50	Marissa	881	39 60
Ridgway	816	35 10	Boulevard	882	266 40
Creal Springs	817	56 70	Wheeler	883	29 70
Ben Hur	818	285 30	Bethany	884	34 20
Columbian	819	337 50	Villa Grove	885	58 50
Henderson	820	52 20	Hooppole	886	18 00
New Canton	821	54 90	Pyramid	887	37 80
Belknap	822	63 00	Damascus	888	95 40
Pearl	823	54 00	America	889	264 60
Grove	824	126 00	Des Plaines	890	61 20
Arthur	825	54 90	Logan Square	891	188 10
Mazon	826	71 10	Constellation	892	213 30
Sequoit	827	71 10	Loraine	893	33 30
Edgar	829	58 50	Utopia	894	105 30
Rockport	830	47 70	Crescent	895	144 90
Findlay	831	77 40	Kosmos	896	103 50
Harvey	832	150 30	Ogden Park	897	109 80
Dean	833	44 10	Silvis	898	42 30
Toledo	834	64 80	Park Manor	899	139 50
Triple	835	68 40	Carnation	900	85 50
Windsor Park	836	210 60	Edgewater	901	144 90
Hindsboro	837	81 00	Alto	902	19 80
Charity	838	37 80	Elkhart	903	29 70
Berwyn	839	130 50	Carlock	904	27 90
Alto Pass	840	37 80	Hanover	905	30 60
Woodland Park	841	441 90	Coffeen	906	13 50
Fides	842	153 00	Ancient Craft	907	95 40
Park	843	353 70	Gil. W. Barnard	908	45 00
Martonton	845	46 80	Bee Hive	909	42 30
Bluffs	846	35 10	Hull	910	32 40

DUES PREVIOUS TO 1909.

Lodge No.		Lodge No.	
95	$ 90	517	$ 90
169	90	521	2 70
199	82 80	578	4 50
203	90	592	25 20
207	90	623	90
209	1 80	701	90
222	90	702	70 20
252	1 80	721	90
265	1 80	724	90
272	90	735	4 50
279	90	744	1 80
313	90	759	90
314	90	768	2 70
344	47 70	784	3 60
385	90	801	90
398	2 70	804	90
408	1 80	823	90
431	1 80	833	90
486	1 80		$278 10
492	90		

DUES FROM LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Sept. 1, 1909, Bellflower	$ 15 30
Sept. 1, 1909, Stellar	27 00
Sept. 1, 1909, Aaron	54 90
Sept. 1, 1909, Sesser	13 50
Sept. 1, 1909, Elwood	9 90
Sept. 1, 1909, Republic	22 50
Sept. 1, 1909, Cottonwood	7 20
Sept. 1, 1909, Jackson Park	15 30
Sept. 1, 1909, Welcome	21 60
Sept. 1, 1909, Concord	14 40
	$201 60

DISPENSATION FEES.

Elwood Lodge, U.D.	$100 00
Republic Lodge, U.D.	100 00
Cottonwood Lodge, U.D.	100 00
Jackson Park Lodge, U.D.	100 00
Welcome Lodge, U.D.	100 00
Concord Lodge, U.D.	100 00
	$600 00

RECAPITULATION.

CHARITY FUND.

Defunct Lodge dues	$ 30 40
Dues collected previous to 1909	108 15

Dues collected for 1909	33,454 75
Dues collected from Lodges U.D.	78 40
Jacot bequest	2500 00
Unexpended balance I.M.O.H.	1400 94
Interest on City of Chicago bonds	280 00
Interest on Cook County bonds	160 00
Dividend on Temple stock	24 00
	$38,036 64

GENERAL FUND.

Error 1908	$ 20
Dues previous to 1909	169 95
Dues Lodges U.D.	123 20
Dues for 1909	52,571 75
Blue Books	18 60
Proceedings	1 00
Ceremonials	6 50
Produce on Home Farm	589 86
Sale Butler property	233 99
A. H. Bell, dispensations, etc.	153 00
Dispensation fees Lodges U.D.	600 00
Bathe note	1,000 00
Transfer from Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	776 28
Ret. settlement Miller Bros.	1 07
Ret. balance Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home lots	200 00
	$56,445 40

ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

Interest on Sanitary bonds	$ 800 00
Interest on Illinois Central Bonds	100 00
Interest on Illinois Central Reg. bonds	600 00
Interest on N. Chicago bonds	400 00
Interest on Government bonds	40 00
Interest on City of Chicago bonds	600 00
Interest on Cook County bonds	480 00
Interest on Mattoon bonds	320 00
Payment Rayner note	10,000 00
Interest Rayner note	450 00
Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Ass'n	112 50
To care Brooken children	112 50
Donations	13 00
	$14,028 00

HOME FOR THE AGED FUND.

Interest on Illinois Central bonds	$ 40 00
Interest on City of Chicago bonds	300 00
Interest on Wabash Railroad bonds	60 00
Interest on Cook County bonds	20 00
	$420 00

ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME FUND.

C. S. Gurney	$55 65
Donation	5 00
	$60 65

All of which is fraternally submitted,

ISAAC CUTTER, *Grand Secretary.*

The R.W. Grand Secretary asked that his report, together with his cash book and ledger be referred to the Committee on Finance.

It was so ordered.

REPORT—Committee on Correspondence.

M.W. Bro. Edward Cook, Committee on Correspondence, presented his report, and asked that it be printed in the Proceedings.

It was so ordered.

REPORT—Committee on Grand Master's Address.

Bro. James E. Wooters. Chairman of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, presented the report of this Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee to which was referred the Grand Master's address, desire to report that we have carefully examined the same and make the following recommendations:

(1) We desire to congratulate the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge on the thorough and business-like man-

ner in which the Grand Master has reported his doings for the past year and his recommendations to the Grand Lodge and to its Committees.

The report shows that Masonry in our grand jurisdiction is in a most flourishing condition and that peace and harmony prevail within our borders.

So much of the address as relates to the institution of new lodges we recommend be referred to the Committee on Lodges U.D.

The part relating to lodges constituted, we recommend be referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

So much of the report as refers to revenue is referred to the Committee on Finance.

In so much of the report as refers to schools of instruction, we commend the Grand Master for his success in maintaining the high character of these schools to the end that the ritualistic work of Masonry may be uniform throughout our jurisdiction.

In the appointment of the Committee on Correspondence, we feel that the appointment of Bro. Edward Cook, as the Committee on Correspondence, to complete the work of our deceased brother, Joseph Robbins, was a most appropriate selection.

The painstaking care of the present administration is well shown in the perfecting of our corporate name as "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois."

So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to charters renewed, appointment of Grand Chaplain, and installation of Grand Orator and Grand Steward, we recommend be approved by the Grand Lodge.

It appears from the present address, that certain parts of the Grand Master's address of last year were overlooked. We, therefore, recommend that the matter of the removal of Murrayville Lodge No. 432 from Murrayville to Woodson, in Morgan county, be referred to the Committee on Chartered Lodges, and that the question of dispensations issued and denied be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that the matter in last year's address, under the head of "Appeals to The Grand Lodge" be again referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, with the request that they report.

We recommend that those parts of the address which refer to our deceased brethren be referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

So much of the address as refers to new lodges, we recommend be referred to the special Committee on New Lodges, previously appointed.

We recommend that the suggestions in regard to the laying of corner stones be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We recommend that the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, in his efforts to protect the interests of the Grand Lodge in requiring a proper form of surety bond for Grand Lodge officers be approved and we concur in his recommendation that the by-laws be so amended as to require the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to give bonds with good personal security.

In regard to so much of the report as refers to the case of Clinton Lodge No. 19, Petersburg, Illinois, and the question on "How to Vote on Motion to Suspend," we recommend be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Master's address shows that the affairs of our Masonic homes during the past year have been administered in a careful and commendable way, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge approve the action of the Grand Master and the board of trustees of the Illinois Masonic homes in the purchase of a site for the Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange.

We recommend that the matter of "Deficit in Appropriation for the Masonic home at Sullivan" be referred to the Finance Committee.

In the matter relating to the discovery and sale of real estate at Butler, Illinois, we congratulate the Grand Lodge on the diligence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Bro. D. W. Starr in realizing so well on long-forgotten property, and we recommend to succeeding Grand Masters that strict search and due inquiry be made to the end that future discoveries may be brought to light, and we recommend that the action of the Grand Master in reference to the sale of this property be ratified.

It is no doubt pleasing to the fraternity in Illinois to know that at the conference of Grand Masters held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in June last, our grand jurisdiction was so ably represented by our present Most Worshipful Grand Master, and that he took a prominent part in shaping the conclusions of that conference. While the forming of a national Grand Lodge is at this time unnecessary, and is perhaps not seriously considered by any Grand Lodge, yet there are many questions of common interest among the grand jurisdictions which may profitably be considered at such conferences. We recommend that so much of the address as deals with proposed changes in our methods of procedure resulting from the Philadelphia conference, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We congratulate the Grand Master on his being able to secure the first returns made by Western Star Lodge No. 107 of Kaskaskia,

Illinois, to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated December, 1806, and for his thoughtfulness in having the same duplicated in exact form and size.

So much of the address as relates to a permanent home for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, we recommend be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the Grand Master with directions to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, we recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to our retiring Most Worshipful Grand Master, Alexander Hamilton Bell, for the able, painstaking and punctual manner in which he has presided over its deliberations and administered its affairs for the past two years. He has brought to the discharge of his high duties a singleness of purpose, a zeal for the good of Masonry, and a clear-sighted business sagacity, the influence of which will be lasting and of incalcuable value. To have filled the station of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois with ability and success, is in itself a very high honor, but to retire from this high office with a universal love and commendation of the craft throughout this grand jurisdiction is a distinction which may well gratify the most exalted ambition.

As a Past Grand Master, we hope that Brother Bell may bring to this Grand Lodge for many years to come, his counsel and advice, and we assure him that the memory of his service to us will remain bright and lasting as the years go by.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Wooters,
J. M. Hannum,
H. L. Browning,
Committee on Grand Master's Address.

On motion it was adopted.

MOTION—To Proceed with the Election.

On motion of Bro. John C. Weis, the Grand Lodge voted to proceed with the election of officers.

The Grand Master announced that the District Deputy Grand Masters would act as collecting and distributing tellers, and the following brothers as counting tellers:

John C. Weis, Charles Burkhart, Harry A. Dever, Arthur Wood, E. R. Welch.

REPORT—Trustees of Masonic Home.

M.W. Bro. Owen Scott, President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home, presented the report.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

At a meeting of the Board held at the close of the Grand Lodge in 1908, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Owen Scott.

Vice-President—George M. Moulton.

Treasurer—James A. Steele.

Secretary—C. S. Gurney.

Executive Committees for the Homes were: At Sullivan—Owen Scott, James A. Steele and Henry W. Berks. At Chicago—George M. Moulton, R. J. Daly and Thomas E. Miller.

Sullivan.

The past year has been one of growth and development in the Home. The occupancy of the new building at Sullivan with its added facilities for the care of the helpless, has increased the membership from 48 to 76, a gain of over 63 per cent. Among these were a considerable number who require constant attention. At all times as many as from eight to ten have been in the Men's Hospital department, necessitating the employment of two nurses the entire time. Three of these in the hospital were totally blind. Other infirmities than the loss of sight have made it necessary that many should have attention day and night. One serious operation, strangulated hernia, was a necessity to save the life of the brother, aged 83. This was successful and he has for months been able to return to his room and go about the premises. In almost every case those who have been placed under the care of the hospital department have improved perceptibly. Of course in some instances improvement was impossible, as they were hopeless invalids when they entered.

Among the women there has been less serious sickness than among the men, but it has been necessary to have the services of a nurse the entire time. Fewer deaths have occurred than during previous years, attributable to better hospital facilities and better attention. Mrs. Baldwin made a dying request that her thanks to the Grand Lodge and Masons of Illinois be expressed. Of necessity, the expenses in the medical department have materially increased. The extreme age and consequent infirmity of almost the entire membership has required more frequent

visits from the Home physician and larger expense for medicines and hospital supplies. Most of those who enter are either aged and infirm, or, if younger, enter because of chronic sickness or other condition which disqualifies them for self-support. The Board has gone on the theory that this grand body would not spare any expense or labor for the relief or comfort of our aged and infirm wards. With plenty of wholesome food it has been almost the universal experience that brothers who come to the Home improve in appearance and health.

One other condition that has prevailed during the past year will be recognized by the members of this Grand Lodge. Every item of living has materially advanced in price, this increase being at least 25 per cent. Almost every kind of food and every article of clothing has taken wings and soared. Flour and meat, the staples of living, have almost doubled in cost. Clothing has sharply advanced. In consequence of this, the ordinary expenses of the Home have grown in proportion. By increase in membership, by taking in the more helpless who formerly could not be received, and by the decided increase in the cost of food and clothing, it has been made impossible to keep within the amount set apart by the Grand Lodge one year ago. It also became necessary to employ additional help in caring for the increased membership, adding materially to the cost of maintenance. By reason of the generally enfeebled condition of the members it has been impossible to count on very much service from them in caring for buildings and grounds. Almost everything must be done by those hired for that purpose. The Board is glad, however, to recognize the fact that a few have been able and willing to lend a hand. From these considerations we are obliged to ask for a larger appropriation for the coming year. We feel sure that there is not a brother in the state who would not be willing, if necessary, to add a small sum to the pittance he now pays to the charity fund of this Grand Lodge for the support of our helpless and dependent brothers, their wives, widows and orphans.

Chicago.

Of the Orphans' Home little need be said concerning its condition and management. It is, as heretofore, going on without jar or friction. The children, numbering 56, are well and happy. Under the careful nurture and training of Bro. and Mrs. Bassett, they are growing into a beautiful and useful manhood and womanhood. The number has increased over last year. Our last report showed 40; now there are 56. The admissions have more than equalled the loss of those who go out into families or retire because of age limt.

The New Home Building.

Pursuant to the authority granted to your Board at the last session, a suitable site has been procured and purchased. It is located at LaGrange, Cook county, thirteen miles west of Chicago, on the main line of the C., B. & Q. Railroad. It is a tract of land containing between three and four acres within the corporate limits of the city, with a paved street on each of the four sides. Water, light, power and proper sewer connections are adequate to all needs. School and church privileges are abundant, and of excellent quality. Your board spent considerable time in visiting various sites and locations in Chicago and Cook county, and feel that the Grand Lodge is very fortunate in securing so excellent a location as that at LaGrange. Of the sum of $20,000 appropriated for the purchase of the site and for preliminary plans for building about $11,000 were used. The balance remains to be drawn upon for future needs. We have employed Deal & Ginzel, of Lincoln, Ill., as the architects, and plans and specifications have been drawn for the new building. Your Board of Trustees has planned to let the contract for this structure as early as possible after the necessary authority has been given by this body. This will enable the completion of the building by the time the lease on our temporary quarters expires. In planning for the new building, we have looked to the future as well as to the present. The proposed structure will be entirely fire proof and of sufficient size to accommodate all children who are likely to need our care and maintenance for all time to come. No attempt has been made for unnecessary ornamentation or display. The building as planned will be a handsome structure, a credit to the craft and one that will provide every comfort and convenience. We estimate the entire cost of building to be about $100,000. From the sale of the old building we realized $35,000, leaving about $24,000 to be used toward the new. As there is in the permanent fund of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home a little over $40,000 available for this purpose, it will not require much encroachment upon the general funds of the Grand Lodge. The $49,000 required to be kept intact under the terms of the transfer from the private corporation to this Grand Lodge, will thus not be disturbed. Only the available surplus need be used. It will be seen from this statement that a large part of the entire cost of the new Home at LaGrange can be met by the money realized from the sale of the old building and the free surplus from the general funds of the Orphans' Home. We estimate that the additional sum will not exceed $40,000.

We therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees be authorized to construct the building as per plans and specifications herewith submitted, and that the sum of $100,000 be appropriated as indicated.

The Superintendents.

Bro. Charles L. Hovey, at Sullivan, and Bro. C. E. Bassett, at Chicago, have continued in charge of the Homes during the past year with the success that has attended them in the past. Nothing needs to be said of their efficiency and usefulness in caring for the children at Chicago and our brethren, their wives and widows at Sullivan. At Sullivan one or more orphans of this state have been kept during the year.

Reports of Officers of Board.

Herewith are presented the reports of the Superintendents, Secretary and Treasurer, together with the report of a special accountant who has verified the financial statements made. We ask that these several statements be made a part of our report and so printed in the proceedings. Information is given so fully in these reports, that we do not deem it necessary to attempt to give further details.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made:

For Construction of Orphans' Home	$100,000
For Maintenance of Orphans' Home	12,000
For Maintenance of Home at Sullivan	24,000
For improvement on the 224 acres of the farm outside of Home grounds of 40 acres, the rent from the farm, etc.	1,120

Fraternally submitted,

Owen Scott,
Geo. M. Moulton,
Alexander H. Bell,
A. B. Ashley,
Thos. E. Miller,
James A. Steele,
Henry W. Berks,
Robert J. Daly,
Committee.

REPORT- Of Executive Committee Orphan's Home.

To the President, Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Homes:

The Executive Committee in charge of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago, fraternally reports that its affairs have been conducted effectively and harmoniously, so far as known, during the past year in the temporary quarters now occupied by the Home.

The Superintendent and Matron have rendered constant, valued and efficient service. The health of the members has been uniformly good

and Dr. Sweet, the Home Physician for so many years, has been unremitting in his professional care of the family at the Home. Dr. Plattenberg has taken care of the dental work with his accustomed fidelity and at a minimum cost.

The Committee has held regular meetings each month, with some one member giving personal supervision to the administrative details at all times. We are pleased to report that expenditures have been kept within the limit of the appropriation made for the operation of the Home.

The Superintendent has submitted an exhaustive report which is transmitted herewith and which contains much of interest to the brethren of Illinois who make this practical exemplification of Masonic charity and fraternal love possible in our midst.

The Committee express the earnest hope that the requisite appropriation for the erection of a suitable permanent Home to accommodate at least one hundred members will be made by the M.W. Grand Lodge at its forthcoming Annual Communication, thereby placing on the beautiful site already secured in LaGrange, that attractive suburb of Chicago, an enduring monument to Ancient Craft Masonry by the brethren of Illinois, whose glory will never dim, nor luster fade away.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. M. MOULTON,
ROBERT J. DALY,
THOMAS E. MILLER,
Committee.

REPORT—Of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

SULLIVAN HOME.

RECEIPTS.

Grand Lodge, maintenance account	$25,218 09	
Refund of estimate Building No. 2	376 09	
		$25,594 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Provisions	$8,534 76
Labor	1,298 87
Clothing	1,135 29
Salaries	4,240 89
Repairs	1,519 45
Medical	2,081 92
Printing, stationery and postage	183 96
Traveling expense	104 26

Furnishings	2,558 82		
Superintendent's sundries	238 90		
Lighting	181 82		
Fuel	1,428 06		
General sundries	94 50		
Improvements, buildings and grounds	595 00		
Feed, for stock	570 55		
Live stock	125 00		
Construction account	316 40		
Machinery	12 00		
School account	30 64		
Funerals, expense of	125 00		
Insurance on contents	75 00		
		$25,451 09	
Superintendent's balance Oct. 1, 1909	$ 211 45		
Superintendent's balance Oct. 1, 1908	376 16		
		164 71	
			$25,286 38
Balance			$ 307 80
Overdraft			218 09
Treasurer's balance October 1, 1909			$ 89 71

Chicago Home.

RECEIPTS.

Grand Lodge, maintenance account	$10,000 00	
Sale of old material	14 66	
Construction account	500 00	
		$10,514 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Provisions	$3,067 88
Clothing	728 67
Salaries	1,760 00
Labor	1,574 24
Superintendent's sundries	1,277 70
Repairs	272 53
Furnishings	195 63
Printing, stationery and postage	17 53
School account	71 99
Medical	67 46
Traveling expense	105 07

Fuel	859 76		
General sundries	62 34		
Refund to Grand Lodge—1908 balance	1,400 94		
Construction account	36 70		
		$11,498 44	
Superintendent's balance, October, 1909	$172 12		
Superintendent's balance, October, 1908	35 93		
		136 19	
			$11,634 63
Balance			$1,119 97
Treasurer's balance, October 1, 1908			1,400 94
Treasurer's balance October 1, 1909			$280 97

C. S. GURNEY, *Secretary.*
SULLIVAN, ILL.

REPORT—Of Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

To the Board of Trustees:

Brethren: Your Treasurer herewith submits his annual report of Receipts and Disbursements on account of

ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME, AT SULLIVAN, ILL.

RECEIPTS.

1908.			
Balance on hand last report			$ 1,561 44
Oct. 2.	From C. S. Gurney		14 66
Nov. 5.	From C. S. Gurney		2,500 00
1909.			
Jan. 14.	From C. S. Gurney		2,500 00
March 1.	From C. S. Gurney		2,500 00
May 25.	From C. S. Gurney		2,500 00
June 11.	From C. S. Gurney, Building Fund		500 00
			$12,076 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers Nos. 4493 to 4585 (except 4581)		$11,792 13
Jas. A. Steele, Tr. Sund. account		77 66
Balance on hand		206 31
		$12,076 10
Sept. 29, 1909. Balance on hand		$206 31

JAMES A. STEELE, *Treas.*
SULLIVAN, ILL.

To the Board of Trustees:

Brethren: Your Treasurer herewith submits his annual report of Receipts and Disbursements on account of

ILLINOIS MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME, AT CHICAGO, ILL.

1908. RECEIPTS.

To balance, last report			$ 158 98
Nov. 5.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		218 09
Nov. 5.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		5,000 00
1909.			
Jan. 14.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		5,000 00
Mch. 1.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		5,000 00
Mch. 27.	Voucher No. 136, Cld		376 09
May 25.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		5,000 00
Aug. 10.	From C. S. Gurney, Clerk		5,000 00
			$25,753 16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers Nos. 136 and 592 to 745, inclusive (except Nos. 737 and 738)		24,689 13
Jas. A. Steele, Treas., to balance sundries account		77 74
Balance on hand		986 29
		$25,753 16
Sept. 29, 1909. Balance on hand	$ 986 29	
Special Fund	62 68	
Charity Fund	77 74	
	$1,126 71	
Error, 1907	12 00	
	$1,114 71	

JAMES A. STEELE, *Treas.*

SULLIVAN, ILL., October 8, 1909.

This is to certify that the books of this bank show a balance to the credit of James A. Steele, Treasurer of Illinois Masonic Home, Sulli-

van, of $206.31; and to his credit as Treasurer of Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, Chicago, $986.29; on September 29, 1909.

W. A. Steele, *President.*

Jas. A. Steele, Treas., Sullivan account, $206.31.
Jas. A. Steele, Treas., Chicago account, $986.29.

REPORT—Of Accountant for the Board of Trustees.

Chicago, October 8, 1909.

Hon. Owen Scott, President Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Homes, Decatur, Ill.:

Sir:—I herewith submit the following report as the result of my examination of the books and records of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Illinois Masonic Homes for the year ending September 30, 1909:

Secretary's Record, Chicago Home.

Balance on hand September 30, 1908	$ 1,400 94
Receipts from all sources, Oct. 1, '08, to Sept. 30, '09	10,514 66
	$11,915 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

As per voucher Oct. 1, 1908, to Sept. 30, 1909	$11,634 63
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1909	280 97
	$11,915 60

Sullivan Home.

Overdraft Sept. 30, 1908	$ 218 09
Receipts from all sources Oct. 1, '08, to Sept. 30, '09	25,594 18
	$25,376 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

As per voucher Oct. 1, '08, to Sept. 30, '09	$25,286 38
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1909	89 71
	$25,376 09

Secretary's balance, Chicago Home		$ 280 97
Treasurer's balance, Chicago Home	$206 31	
Credit to Sullivan Home by error, 1907	12 00	
Children Christmas Fund not passed through Secretary's books	77 66	
Corrected Treasurer's balance		295 97

Secretary's balance, Sullivan Home		89 71
Treasurer's balance, Sullivan Home	$986 29	
Credit Sullivan Home, by error, 1907	12 00	
	$974 29	
Special Fund, 1907, $62.68; Children's Christmas Fund, 1908, $77.74, not passed through Secretary's books	140 42	
Treasurer's corrected balance		1,114 71
Treasurer's balance, Chicago Home		295 97
Secretary's balance, Chicago Home		280 97
		$15 00
Treasurer's balance, Sullivan Home		$1,114 71
Secretary's balance, Sullivan Home		89 71
		$1,025 00

The difference between the Secretary's balance and the Treasurer's balance, Chicago Home, is caused by warrant No. 4586, for $15, being unpaid at the close of business.

The difference between the Secretary's balance and Treasurer's balance, Sullivan Home, is caused by warrant No. 737, for $1,025, being unpaid at close of business. Respectfully yours,

C. A. Forshee, *Accountant.*

REPORT—Of Superintendent Orphan's Home.

Chicago, September 20, 1909.

To the President and Members of the Board of Trustees, Illinois Masonic Homes:

Gentlemen:—The following report of the general condition of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago is respectfully submitted:

For the information of those concerned it is proper to note that, under the system of renumbering the buildings on some of the streets by the city of Chicago, the Home on Bishop Court is now known as 23 and 25 instead of 14 and 16.

The year has not been an eventful one in the Home. Nothing of an unusual character has occurred; and incidents of an annoying nature—if we except the trouble in trying to get competent help—have been at a low minimum. Having passed the first winter in the present Home we are able to state that our predictions of one year ago, regarding the comforts of the place, have been verified.

We have experienced an unusual amount of difficulty in trying to get efficient help. Although the weekly payroll has shown but six names at any one time, we have found it necessary to employ twenty-seven different persons in filling the six positions during the year.

We have cause to be thankful for the good health that has prevailed in the Home. The children, as a whole, have attended school without interruption. Dr. Sweet, who has been freely called to prescribe for individual cases, has promptly responded, his instructions have been carried out, and the necessary care has been given, without any extra expense to the Home. None of the children have been called to that "bourne from which no traveler returns."

The children continue to attend Divine services at the Ada Street M. E. church. Their record in the public school is very gratifying. "Among the good things that have come to us during the year are the children from the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home." Such was the announcement made by Miss M. M. Niehaus, principal of the Brown school, at the graduating exercises held last June. Five members of the Home graduated from the eighth grade at that time, with credit to themselves and the approval and good-will of their teachers: Namely, Hazel Park, Carolyn Kernahan, George Mackie, Edward Kemp and Conrad Houle. Four of these graduates have since left the Home; two of them to continue their school work, and two of them to work for their daily bread.

The following events have been enjoyed by the children during the year:

Annual meeting of Veteran Masons of Illinois at Medinah Temple. Free bus furnished by kindness F. Parmelee Company.

Five entertainments at Ada Street M. E. church.

Christmas at the Home, provided by the Ladies of the Christmas, Committee. The usual Christmas entertainment was dispensed with for want of room, but the event was home-like and very pleasant. Most worshipful Brother Moulton and Worshipful Brother Daly of the Executive Committee were present.

Five motion picture entertainments at the theater.

A sleighride lasting two hours.

Barnum & Bailey's circus at the Coliseum.

Annual basket picnic given by Dearborn Lodge at Cedar Lake, Ind.

Annual picnic given at Columbia Park by the lodges, Royal Arch and Eastern Star Chapters of Cook county.

Annual picnic at Desplaines given by York Chapter.

At all these Masonic picnics free transportation to and from the grounds, as well as an abundance of refreshments, were included in the

invitations. Our children participated in the racing events and secured their full share of prizes.

Annual automobile ride around the park system of Chicago lasting four hours, by the kindness of Chicago Automobile Club, Chicago Automobile Trade Association and Chicago Motor Club.

A ride to and from Michigan City, Ind., on the steamer "Roosevelt." This courtesy was extended by Brother W. K. Greenebaum, general manager of the Indiana Transportation Company.

Five professional baseball games at the parks of the American and National Leagues, due to courtesies extended by Presidents Comiskey and Murphy through Most Worshipful Brother Moulton.

We have acknowledged with thanks the following donations:

A box of oranges and a box of sweet apples from Mr. L. J. Kunze.

Forty library books in good condition, and a box of candy canes from Mrs. Clapp.

Fifty pounds cooked meat, etc. from Rose Croix Chapter 409, O. E. S.

The population of the Home has been greater than last year, and the cost of necessities has increased, but we have been able to keep within the amount appropriated for maintenance, without any falling off in the care of the children. The winter's supply of coal is in the bins, and all bills are paid up to date.

Superintendent's Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1908	$ 35.93
Received from Treasurer since	5,500.00
	$5,535.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Provisions	$1,809.17
Clothing	178.96
Labor	1,574.24
School	71.99
Medical	67.46
Home Furnishings	164.24
Repairs	212.30
Fuel	7.75
Sundries	1,277.70
Balance unexpended	172.12
	$5,535.93

Christmas Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Sarah A. Eddy Fund	$ 21.77
Balance Austin Lodge Fund	14.97
Lincoln Park Chapter No. 177	20.00
Waubansia Lodge No. 160	10.00
Delavan Lodge No. 156	5.00
J. A. Steele, Treasurer	77.66
Chicago Lodge No. 437	10.00
Cicero Chapter No. 180	25.00
Cleveland Lodge No. 211	25.00
Austin Lodge No. 850	25.00
Golden Rule Lodge No. 726	10.00
Columbian Lodge No. 819	10.00
Garden City Lodge No. 141	10.00
Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409	10.00
Home Lodge No. 508	10.00
Marine Lodge No. 355	5.00
Bro. B. F. Hedges	5.00
Bee Hive Lodge No. 909	5.00
Mrs. Sarah A. Eddy, Treasurer	45.00
	$344.40

DISBURSEMENTS.

As per receipted bills examined by Executive Committee	$ 63.47
Balance on hand	280.93
	$344.40

Sales and Rebates.

RECEIPTS.

Sale of old barrels and iron		$ 3.30
Rebate from Arcana Lodge No. 717 on clothing for Adair children as follows:		
Boys' suits (3)	$13.01	
Boys' shoes (2 pairs)	3.15	
Girl's coat	3.75	
		19.91
Rebate from Harbor Lodge No. 731 on clothing for Gutcher boys, as follows:		
Boys' suits (2)	$ 8.40	
Boys' caps (2)	.90	
Boys' undershirts (4)	1.00	
Boys' nightshirts (4)	1.40	
		11.70

Rebate from Bro. C. W. Arndt of Constantia Lodge No. 783 for clothing furnished the boys, as follows:

Boys' suits (2)	9.00	
Boys' underwear	1.00	
		10.00

Rebate from Dearborn Lodge No. 310 on badges authorized by the Lodge to be worn by the children at annual picnic held at Cedar Lake, June 26 2.25

$47.16

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash to Grand Secretary Sept. 2, 1909 $47.16

ADMITTED SINCE SEPT. 30, 1908.

Name.	Admitted.	Age.	Age Now.	Lodge.	Location.
Bablitz, Mamie	Oct. 5, 1908	8	9	Constantia, 783	Chicago
Rhodus, Kethel F.	Oct. 3, 1908	8	9	Tolono, 391	Tolono
Rhodus, Frances H.	Oct. 3, 1908	6	7	Tolono, 391	Tolono
Graham, John	Dec. 26, 1908	7	8	Ashlar, 308	Chicago
Adair, Harriet H.	Jan. 21, 1909	12	12	Arcana, 717	Chicago
Adair, Robert W.	Jan. 21, 1909	8	8	Arcana, 717	Chicago
Adair, Arthur J.	Jan. 21, 1909	6	6	Arcana, 717	Chicago
Swalley, Carter A.	Mar. 28, 1909	5	5	John D. Moody, 510	Iuka
Swalley, Helen D.	Mar. 28, 1909	3	3	John D. Moody, 510	Iuka
Swalley, Ellen D.	Mar. 28, 1909	3	3	John D. Moody, 510	Iuka
Olson, Herbert A.	Apr. 2, 1909	13	13	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Norris, Evelyn M.	May 6, 1909	6	6	Composite, 879	Chicago
Norris, Willia H.	May 6, 1909	4	5	Composite, 879	Chicago
Gutcher, Wm. R. D.	May 20, 1909	7	7	Harbor, 731	Chicago
Gutcher, Thomas A.	May 20, 1909	5	5	Harbor, 731	Chicago
H'jarsen, Otto A. P.	May 21, 1909	11	11	Chicago, 437	Chicago
Wayman, Esther M.	May 31, 1909	9	9	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Wayman, Josephine E.	May 31, 1909	5	5	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Arndt, Carl J.	July 20, 1909	5	5	Constantia, 783	Chicago
Arndt, William H.	July 20, 1909	4	4	Constantia, 783	Chicago
Schubert, Alice	Aug. 6, 1909	7	7	Union Park, 610	Chicago
Butcher, Florence E.	Aug. 14, 1909	9	9	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Welborn, Charles	Aug. 31, 1909	11	11	New Haven, 230	N. Haven
Welborn, Richard J.	Aug. 31, 1909	9	9	New Haven, 230	N. Haven
Cary, James L.	Sept. 17, 1909	13	13	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin
Cary, Sarah A.	Sept. 17, 1909	11	11	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin
Cary, Hubert O.	Sept. 17, 1909	6	6	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin
Cary, Thelma S.	Sept. 17, 1909	4	4	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin

DISCHARGED SINCE SEPT. 30, 1909.

Shaw, Daniel P. Oct. 1, 1908
Peterson, Agnes E. C. Oct. 12, 1908
Follett, Katherine Nov. 18, 1908

Thompson, Mildred A. Dec. 26, 1908
Thompson, Marjorie A. Dec. 26, 1908
Mackie, George June 25, 1909
Park, Hazel June 25, 1909
Crapp, Stephen J. June 26, 1909
Houle, Conrad M. June 30, 1909
Kemp, Edward July 15, 1909
Lane, Brice A. Aug. 2, 1909
Butcher, Florence E. Sept. 1, 1909

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOME IS AS FOLLOWS.

Name.	Admitted.	Age.	Age Now.	Lodge.	Location.
French, Chester	Apr. 25, 1900	4	13	Blair, 393	Chicago
Foust, Hazel	Aug. 26, 1900	4	13	Yorktown, 655	Tampico
Kernahan, Carolyn	May 10, 1901	5	13	Ashlar, 308	Chicago
Bimerick, Elsie	June 6, 1901	8	16	Cedar, 124	Morris
Kernahan, William J.	Nov. 1, 1901	3	11	Ashlar, 308	Chicago
Seabrook, Florence	Dec. 31, 1901	4	12	Berwyn, 839	Berwyn
Seabrook, Howard	Dec. 21, 1901	3	11	Berwyn, 839	Berwyn
Brookman, Lillian M.	June 11, 1902	5	12	Garfield, 686	Chicago
Brookman, Virginia A.	June 11, 1902	3	10	Garfield, 686	Chicago
Lane, James A.	July 29, 1903	7	13	Ellis, 633	Rockford
Lane, Gladys B.	July 29, 1903	3	11	Ellis, 633	Rockford
Seabrook, Alice M.	Sept. 3, 1903	3	9	Berwyn, 839	Berwyn
Shaw, Robert E.	Sept. 15, 1903	5	11	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Brookman, John F.	Dec. 17, 1903	3	8	Garfield, 686	Chicago
Ledger, Marian C.	Feb. 20, 1905	9	13	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Crapp, Laura M.	May 30, 1905	8	12	Mystic Star, 758	Chicago
Crapp, Robert	May 30, 1905	5	9	Mystic Star, 758	Chicago
Black, Agnes M.	Sept. 1, 1906	8	11	Richard Cole, 697	Chicago
Hoseney, Ora May	Aug. 24, 1907	10	12	Hutton, 698	Diona
Hoseney, Bernice	Aug. 24, 1907	4	6	Hutton, 698	Diona
Van Asdlen, Bessie B.	Jan. 31, 1908	7	8	Channahon, 262	Channahon
Van Asdlen, Wm. M.	Jan. 31, 1908	5	6	Channahon, 262	Channahon
Caskie, Mary F.	Mar. 18, 1908	12	14	Englewood, 690	Chicago
Caskie, James F.	Mar. 18, 1908	10	12	Englewood, 690	Chicago
Hoffer, Arthur L.	Mar. 18, 1908	7	8	Fraternal, 58	Monticello
Messner, Christian A.	May 7, 1908	7	9	Accordia, 277	Chicago
Messner, Joseph F.	May 7, 1908	5	7	Accordia, 277	Chicago
Hopkins, Mabel C.	Aug. 30, 1908	8	9	Myrtle, 795	Chicago
Hopkins, Helen	Aug. 30, 1908	7	8	Myrtle, 795	Chicago
Bablitz, Mamie	Oct. 5, 1908	8	9	Constantia, 783	Chicago
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Waymen, Josephine E.	May 31, 1909	5	5	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Arndt, Carl J.....	July 20, 1909	5	5	Constantia, 783	Chicago
Arndt, William H....	July 20, 1909	4	4	Constantia, 783 ...	Chicago
Schubert, Alice	Aug. 6, 1909	7	7	Union Park, 610...	Chicago
Welborn, Charles....	Aug. 31, 1909	11	11	New Haven, 230.	N. Haven
Welborn, Richard J..	Aug. 31, 1909	9	9	New Haven, 230.	N. Haven
Cary, James L.....	Sept. 17, 1909	13	13	Herrin's Prairie, 693.	Herrin
Cary, Sarah A.....	Sept. 17, 1909	11	11	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin
Cary, Hubert O.....	Sept. 17, 1909	6	6	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin
Cary, Thelma S.....	Sept. 17, 1909	4	4	Herrin's Prairie, 693	Herrin

Recapitulation of Population.

Members in the Home October 1, 1908	40
Admitted during the year	28
	68
Discharged during the year	12
Members in the Home September 30, 1909	56
Gain during the year	16

Cause of Discharges.

Expiration of time	7
Mothers married again	3
Taken out by mothers able to provide	2
	12

Among those outside of Chicago who have visited the Home were Grand Master Bell, President Scott, and Trustees Steele and Berks.

It was understood that the children would be taken to Sullivan for an outing of a few days during the summer, but when the time seemed best to go more than half of them were away on vacation, and there was chicken pox in the Home.

Mrs. Bassett joins me in expressing appreciation for courteous treatment accorded us and for the confidence reposed in us by the Trustees during the year. Fraternally,

Chas. E. Bassett, *Superintendent.*

REPORT—Of Superintendent Illinois Masonic Home.

SULLIVAN, ILLS., Sept. 15th, 1909.

To the President and Members of the Board of Trustees Illinois Masonic Home:

Dear Brothers: Herewith report for year ending Sept. 15th, 1909. On return from Grand Lodge, we commenced to lay in our supplies and put all things in order for the coming of Winter.

Through the generosity of our brothers we had a most delightful Christmas time. A large Christmas tree, all decorated in holiday attire, was placed in the center of our reading room, chairs were placed around the tree for the old boys and girls; at the appointed time Santa Claus came on the scene with presents for everybody. After these had been distributed, Superintendent suggested that each one shake hands with his neighbor and wish them a Merry Christmas. This was done, and a happier, jollier set of people is rarely seen. While this was going on and almost before we knew what was being done, a large circle was formed around the tree and old and young joined in the dance. Wish all the Brothers in Illinois could have looked in on us at that time. It certainly was fine.

Following is a list of those who made our glad Christmas time possible:

Delavan Lodge No. 156	$ 5.00
Waubansia Lodge No. 160	10.00
Cerro Gordo Lodge No. 600	5.00
N. D. Morse Lodge No. 546	5.00
Western Star Lodge No. 240	5.00
Urbana Lodge No. 157	5.00
Rantoul Lodge No. 470	5.00
Sidney Lodge No. 347	5.00
Sangamon Lodge No. 801	1.00
Pera Lodge No. 574	5.00
Atwood Lodge No. 561	5.00
Ogden Lodge No. 754	5.00
J. R. Gorin Lodge No. 537	5.00
Mahomet Lodge No. 220	5.00
Tolono Lodge No. 391	5.00
Broadland Lodge No. 791	5.00
Ed. Gaylord, Canton, Ills	10.00
Austin Lodge No. 850	25.00
W. H. Mayer, N. Y. City	5.00
E. St. Louis Lodge No. 504	25.00
Cornland Lodge No. 888	2.00

Lexington Lodge No. 482	10.00
Mansfield Lodge No. 773	5.00
Villa Grove Lodge No. 885	5.00
Homer Lodge No. 199	5.00
Wright's Grove Lodge No. 779	5.00
Columbia Lodge No. 819	10.00
Gothic Lodge No. 852	10.00
Oriental Lodge No. 33	25.00
Wheaton Lodge No. 269	10.00
Rutland Lodge No. 477	5.00

From this fund we were also enabled to give the old boys and girls a nice display of fireworks on July 4th. So you see my Brothers your generosity shed a lot of sunshine in the lives of the members of our Home family.

We are indebted to the Sullivan band for a fine concert given us by that organization on October 19th.

To Major C. F. Emery for the following books for the Home Library:

Hidden Treasures, thirteen bound volumes Harper's Magazine, nine bound volumes Godey's Magazine, American Miscellany, Midsummer Night's Dream, Live Coals, Ladies of the White House, The Farmers' Book, The Handwriting of God, The Progressive Ages; Princes, Authors and Statesmen, Pilgrims' Progress, Pleasant Hours With Illustrious Men and Women, Politics and Politicians of Illinois, The Rhine, The National Encyclopedia, Arctic Explorations, Itinerent Life, Glimpses of Fifty Years, Woman on the Frontier, What Can A Woman Do, Between the Gates, Life and Labors of Livingston, One Hundred Years of American Independence, Home of God's People, Twenty Years of Congress, The Home, National History, Not on the Chart, Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Longfellow's Poems.

Brother S. R. Stoddard, one volume Masonic History by Mitchell.

Temple Lodge, forty-six years' subscription to Peoria Journal and Peoria Star.

Charles Catlin, Secretary Oriental Lodge No. 33, Lodge Notes.

Miss Minnie Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Marxmiller, Genevieve Lowe and Ed. Wright for music for our church service on April 25th.

On Saturday, June 13th Rev. Elmer Kelso Towle, evangelist, came out and gave us a fine sermon. Wayne Calhoun, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Sabin and Minnie Wright furnished the music for the occasion and Brother E. J. Enslow brought the party out in his automobile.

To some unknown Brother we are indebted for fourteen volumes of The Real America in Romance.

Brother James A. Steele sends us the following magazines: Scribner's, Red Book, Harper's Bazaar, Cosmopolitan, Ladies' Home Journal and McClure's.

Julien C. Crutwell, Review of Reviews. Macon Lodge No. 8, Decatur Review.

We receive the following papers through the courtesy of the publishers: The Decatur Daily Herald, Bloomington Daily Bulletin, Bloomington Weekly Pantagraph, Reynolds Press, Galesburg Evening News, Mattoon Journal, Orange Judd Farmer, Sullivan Progress, Sullivan Saturday Herald, Sullivan Democrat, the Moultrie County News, Windsor Gazette, Bement Register, Masonic News, Masonic Chronicler, Illinois Freemason and Eastern Star Journal.

Miss Amy Hovey and Will W. Eden furnished music for the funeral service of Bro. L. B. Harrington.

Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Dixon, E. J. Miller and W. W. Eden furnished music for the funeral of Bro. E. L. Cunningham.

The pastors of the Sullivan churches—Rev. F. T. Klotzsche of the Baptist church, Rev. T. J. Wheat of Methodist church, Rev. A. T. Corey of Presbyterian church and Rev. J. W. Walters of Christian church—have taken turn about in conducting our church services at the Home during the year. They have been faithful in season and out of season and we fully appreciate their work.

Our Sister Nancy Campbell died Sept. 18th, her remains were sent to Edinburg, Ill., and there buried under the direction of Mound Lodge No. 122 of Taylorville.

On December 15th, Bro. Henry Schure became mentally unbalanced and he was removed from the Home by Harbor Lodge No. 731, of Chicago.

On November 27th Sister Harriet G. Crosier committed suicide. Her remains were taken to Browns, Ill., and there buried.

March 22nd Arthur Dugas of DeKalb Lodge No. 144 lost his mind and was taken in charge of by his lodge.

Bro. John Hall Gassaway died March 8th and was laid to rest in Sullivan cemetery with Masonic honors.

Bro. John H. Hough died May 28th, buried in our Home Burying Grounds in Sullivan with Masonic honors.

Sister Mary Stone died June 21st, remains sent to Ullin, Ill. for burial.

Bro. H. A. Fager died July 21st, his remains sent to Havana, Ill. for burial by direction of Havana Lodge No. 88, of which he was a member.

Bro. Lewis B. Harrington died July 19th. His remains sent to Chicago and there buried with Masonic honors by William B. Warren Lodge No. 209.

Bro. Nicholas Zimmer died in Chicago July 2nd. He was given Masonic burial by Garden City Lodge No. 141, of which he was a member.

Bro. E. L. Cunningham died September 6th. His remains were buried in our Home grounds in Sullivan cemetery. Through the courtesy of Sullivan Lodge No. 764, all the Brothers buried in Sullivan cemetery are buried with Masonic honors.

MEMBERS OF OUR HOME FAMILY ARE AS FOLLOWS.

Name and Age.	Date Admitted.	Lodge.	Location.
Mrs. A. W. Philhower, 69	Dec. 23, 1904	Mattoon, 260	Mattoon
Alexander Masters, 76	Dec. 7, 1904	Central, 71	Springfield
Mary J. Masters, 71	Dec. 7, 1904	Central, 71	Springfield
L. N. Roland, 84	Dec. 7, 1904	Virden, 161	Virden
John W. Apperson, 87	Dec. 15, 1904	Bloomfield, 148	Chrisman
G. W. Dickinson, 79	Dec. 20, 1904	Jackson, 53	Shelbyville
Henry F. Birely, 80	Dec. 27, 1904	Robert Burns, 113	Keitsburg
Chas. H. Hubbell, 78	Dec. 27, 1904	Lancaster, 106	Glasford
Hiram H. Carpenter, 87	Dec. 29, 1904	Oriental, 33	Chicago
Geo. Kenney, 80	Jan. 12, 1905	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Thos. W. Cunningham, 59	Feb. 15, 1905	Mahomet, 220	Mahomet
George Cushing, 91	March 8, 1905	Bradford, 514	Bradford
G. N. Van-Houten, 80	May 1, 1905	Landmark, 422	Chicago
John S. Kistler, 63	May 12, 1905	Pre-emption, 755	Pre-emption
G. D. Rundell, 78	June 28, 1905	Acacia, 67	LaSalle
A. J. Lundquist, 80	Oct. 3, 1905	Greenview, 63	Greenview
W. C. McDugle, 80	Oct. 16, 1905	Clinton, 19	Petersburg
John M. Kerr, 85	Nov. 23, 1905	Pleiades, 478	Chicago
Levi Sisk, 81	Nov. 23, 1905	Prairie, 27	Paris
Phillippa Nelson, 71	Nov. 28, 1905	Pleiades, 478	Chicago
Stephen Ellis, 84	Feb. 15, 1906	Harmony, 3	Jacksonville
George McKissick, 57	Feb. 22, 1906	Rock Island, 65	R. Island
Mary A. Alexander, 75	March 31, 1906	Ionic, 312	Decatur
Zachariah Shugart, 77	May 14, 1906	Colchester, 496	Colchester
J. W. Hoover, 61	June 29, 1906	Greenup, 125	Greenup
Chas. H. George, 64	Nov. 2, 1906	Hesperia, 411	Chicago
Hester Mepham, 87	Nov. 12, 1906	Empire, 126	Pekin
Orilla McAllister, 72	June 29, 1907	Genoa, 288	Genoa
George W. Cox, 67	June 7, 1907	Clayton, 147	Clayton
George W. Hamer, 79	Sept. 5, 1907	Tyrian, 333	Springfield
J. W. Walker, 77	Oct. 19, 1907	New Hope, 620	Livingston
Gabriel Clark, 78	Dec. 4, 1907	Flora, 204	Flora
Oswin Bourne, 72	Jan. 29, 1908	Streator, 607	Streator
Allen Newnham 74	Feb. 1, 1908	Barry, 34	Barry
Mrs. M. V. Cox, 63	Feb. 10, 1908	Clayton, 147	Clayton
John G. Crosier, 66	Feb. 18, 1908	Mt. Vernon, 31	Mt. Vernon

Name and Age.	Date Admitted.	Lodge.	Location.
Sarah Cain, 76	Feb. 18, 1908	Blue Mound, 682	Blue Mound
Mrs. G. W. Hamer, 76	April 15, 1908	Tyrian, 333	Springfield
W. H. Maroe, 50	April 20, 1908	Kindrick, 430	Timewell
Louis Klein, 34	April 28, 1908	Keystone, 629	Chicago
Thomas Gonio, 70	May 6, 1908	Covenant, 526	Chicago
Arthur M. Kelley, 59	May 11, 1908	Atlanta, 165	Atlanta
John Gregor, 81	May 11, 1908	Nebo, 806	Nebo
A. W. Pohlman, 55	May 11, 1908	Temple, 46	Peoria
Harrison Orr, 71	May 12, 1908	Toledo, 834	Toledo
T. B. Sprouse, 64	May 14, 1908	Carmi, 272	Carmi
R. J. Dauphiney, 67	May 18, 1908	Garfield, 686	Chicago
John D. Easter, 82	May 18, 1908	Evans, 524	Evanston
Fred Yunker, 68	May 22, 1908	Wilmington, 208	Wilm'g't'n
W. H. Snell, 62	May 26, 1908	Benjamin, 297	Camp Point
James P. Craig, 75	May 27, 1908	Illinois, 262	Peoria
John T. Fitzpatrick, 74	June 21, 1908	Arcana, 717	Chicago
O. O. Wormwood, 77	June 22, 1908	Jerusalem Temple, 90	Aurora
Wm. Leeped, 60	Aug. 24, 1908	Oriental, 33	Chicago
Ernest Adam, 78	Sept. 3, 1908	Herman, 39	Quincy
Aaron Hall, 72	Sept. 9, 1908	Ionic, 312	Decatur
Nels. Anderson, 79	Sept. 12, 1908	Lakeside, 739	Chicago
Ellen Bruner, 70	Oct. 3, 1908	Peasa, 27	Alton
James W. Smith	Nov. 6, 1908	Jackson, 487	Corinth
L. B. Phettyplace, 66	Dec. 2, 1908	D. C. Cregier, 643	Chicago
Maria Carter, 82	Dec. 10, 1908	Landmark, 422	Chicago
S. R. Stoddard, 73	Jan. 4, 1909	Effingham, 49	Effingham
J. H. Champlin, 61	April 19, 1909	Capron, 575	Capron
Nellie G. Champlin, 47	April 19, 1909	Capron, 575	Capron
Mary B. Dauphiney, 53	May 7, 1909	Garfield, 686	Chicago
B. Fancher, 80	May 8, 1909	Dearborn, 310	Chicago
E. N. Baker, 71	May 18, 1909	Wade Barney, 512	Bl'mgt'n
Mrs. E. Baker, 58	May 18, 1909	Wade Barney, 512	Bl'mgt'n
Rob't Huffmaster, 67	May 27, 1909	Laomi, 450	Lamoi
Mrs. A. Robbins, 71	June 4, 1909	Waubansia, 160	Chicago
G. H. Reynolds, 85	June 22, 1909	Kilwinning, 311	Chicago
G. A. Titus, 62	June 25, 1909	Illinois, 263	Peoria
W. A. Young, 80	July 22, 1909	Hope, 162	Sparta
Mrs. M. A. Walder, 70	July 30, 1909	Cairo, 237	Cairo
Chas. Maroe, 12	July 30, 1909	Kindrick, 430	Timewell
L. Kalor, 61	Aug. 30, 1909	Pleidaes, 478	Chicago

RECAPITULATION.

Membership Sept. 15, 1908	68	Died	9
Number received	22	Discharged	5
		Membership Sept. 15	76
	90		90

We are satisfied that all is well here at this Home, that the Home atmosphere is apparent to all and that contentment and happiness reign within its walls. Mrs. Hovey and myself desire to express our grati-

tude for the kindly words of advice, the many acts of kindness, and the courteous treatment given us by the members of the Board.

Your fraternally,

CHAS. L. HOVEY, *Superintendent.*

So much of the report as related to the appropriations was referred to the Finance Committee. The balance of the report was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Chartered Lodges.

M.W. Bro. Charles F. Hitchcock, Chairman of the Committee on Chartered Lodges, presented the report of that Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges having carefully examined the returns of the Constituent Lodges for the year ending June 30, 1909, submit the following summary of the tabulated statement:

INCREASE.

Number raised	7,107
Number reinstated	359
Number admitted	1,051
Number added for error	74
Total increase	8,591

DECREASE.

Number suspended	860
Number expelled	22
Number dimitted	1,678
Number died	1,199
Number deducted for error	48
Total decrease	3,807
Net gain in membership	4,784
Total membership, June 30, 1909	95,629
Number of Chartered Lodges	770
Members residing in Illinois	85,802
Non-resident members	9,829
Number initiated	7,639
Number passed	7,225

Received from dues, year ending June 30, 1909	$86,024.70
Contributed to members, their widows and orphans	$38,610.83
Contributed to those not members	4,270.54
Contributed to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	439.15
Total contributed by Lodges to Charity	$43,320.52

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. F. Hitchcock,
Jas. L. Scott,
C. M. Turner,
S. M. Schoemann,
W. A. Dixon,
Committee.

On motion it was adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—Proposed.

The following amendments to Grand Lodge By-Laws were offered. More than twenty Representatives of lodges seconded each amendment, and they lie over for action until next year:

By Bro. Samuel M. Fitch of Damascus Lodge:

Amend Section 2, Article 5, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-Laws so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The Grand Treasurer shall execute and file with the Grand Master, before his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, with personal security to be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in these by-laws, and at the end of his term, or sooner, if lawfully required so to do, pay over and transfer to his successor in office all funds, securities, books, records, vouchers, or property belonging to the Grand Lodge, which shall have come into his keeping.

By Bro. Lewis E. Hamburg of Bee Hive Lodge No. 909:

Amend Section 1, Article 13, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. All petitions for the degrees or for membership shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, with his full name and shall state the date and place of his birth; his occupation specifically; the

name of his employer, if he have any; and if the occupation shall be stated as clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor, adjuster, or any other indefinite term, it shall then state the particular kind of business or employment in which he is such clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor, adjuster, etc. It shall state his place of residence, and, where the petitioner resides in a city having streets that are named and houses that are numbered, he shall state in his petition the name of his street and the number of his house. And in case of a petitioner for the degrees, whether he had previously made application to be made a Mason to any lodge, and shall be accompanied by the fee which the by-laws of the lodge require with the petition. In cases where the petitioner has before petitioned to be made a Mason, he shall state the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the lodge previously petitioned, and the date as near as may be of such former petition. Every petition shall be recommended in writing by three members of the lodge and be read at a stated meeting and entered in substance upon the records. After it has been read it shall be received by the voice of the lodge either tacitly or formally given; or at its pleasure, the lodge may refuse to receive it.

By Bro. George E. Haley of Garfield Lodge No. 686:

Amend Section 2, Article 11, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The personal jurisdiction of a lodge shall extend over all its members (except its Master, or the Grand Master if a member thereof) wherever they may reside; and over its unfinished work and rejected material, wherever they may be dispersed. Provided, however, that when a petition to be made a Mason has been rejected by any lodge in this state and such rejected petitioner afterwards removes to another state and petitions a lodge in such other state to be made a Mason, the lodge rejecting his petition in this state or this Grand Lodge shall have no claim to jurisdiction over such rejected material from and after five years from the date of such rejection.

By Bro. Otto F. Harms of Lincoln Park Lodge No. 611:

Amend Section 3, Article 6, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-laws so as to read as follows:

Section 3. He shall execute and file with the Grand Master, before his installation, an official bond in such penal sum as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, with such personal security as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed by these by-laws.

By M.W. Bro. George M. Moulton:

Amend Section 4, Article 3, Part 1 of the By-laws, (a) by striking out the word "Fifteen and inserting the words "Twenty-five," also (b) by inserting the word "Financial" between the words "full" and "compensation," also (c) by inserting the words "Stenographer and" between the words "Including" and "Clerk," so that the section when amended will read as follows:

Section 4. The salary of the Grand Master shall be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly installments, which sum shall be in full financial compensation for the performance of the duties of his office, including stenographer and clerk hire; provided, that for such sums as he may expend for postage and stationery and incidental expenses, the Grand Lodge may make appropriations upon presentation of itemized bills approved by the Committee on Finance.

By Bro. W. H. Coleman, Jr., of Temple Lodge No. 46:

Amend Section 1, Article 17, Part 2 of Grand Lodge By-laws. By striking out the words, "The city of Chicago," in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Cities containing a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants." By making the section read when amended, as follows:

Section 1. No lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be permitted to confer the three degrees upon any person for a less sum than twenty-five dollars: Provided, that in cities containing a population of fifty thousand or more inhabitants the minimum fee for the three degrees shall be fifty dollars; and the apportionment of such sum to the degrees, respectively, shall be regulated by the by-laws of each lodge.

M.W. Bro. William H. Scott, Senior Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, now residing in California, was invited to the East, and spoke very entertainingly.

M.W. Bro. Edward Cook offered a motion that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a telegram to M.W. Bro. John M. Pearson, expressive of our greetings, our best wishes, our sorrow at his absence, and our sympathy in his affliction.

The motion was carried.

R.W. Bro. Roswell T. Spencer offered a motion that a half tone cut of Loyal L. Munn be inserted in the Proceedings this year.

This was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT—Committee on Petitions.

W. Brother Hagle, Chairman of the Committee on Petitions, presented the report of his Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, A. F. and A. M.

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to make the following report:

1. The petition of Hiram W. Beers shows that on October 17, 1896, he was expelled by Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 487 for unmasonic conduct. From an examination of the papers in this matter and the certificate of the Secretary of Andrew Jackson Lodge, we find that said lodge by a unanimous vote, has recommended reinstatement to good standing in the fraternity, the said petitioner. We therefore concur in said recommendation and ask that the prayer of said petition be granted and said petitioner be restored to good standing in the fraternity.

2. The petition of John A. Shirley shows that on or about the month of August, 1873, was expelled by New Columbia Lodge No. 336 for unmasonic conduct. After having carefully examined the papers in said case, we find that New Columbia Lodge by unanimous vote have recommended that said petitioner be restored to good standing in the fraternity. We, your committee, recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

3. The petition of Ernest Hobson shows that on or about the 17th day of August, 1906, he was expelled by Siloam Lodge No. 780 for conduct unbecoming a Mason. From the certificate of the Secretary of Siloam Lodge, attached to the petition herein, that said lodge by an almost unanimous vote, has recommended that said Ernest Hobson be restored to good standing in the fraternity. We, therefore, concur in said recommendation and ask that the prayer of said petition be granted.

4. The petition of William W. Burgess shows that on or about the 9th day of March, 1905, he was expelled by Lake Creek Lodge No. 729 for unmasonic conduct. We find from an examination of the papers that Lake Creek Lodge has by a unanimous vote, recommended that the Grand Lodge restore said petitioner to good standing in the fraternity.

Your committee recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted and that said petitioner be restored to good standing in the fraternity.

5. The petition of F. H. Sears shows that on or about the 29th day of May, 1899, he was suspended by Hiram Lodge No. 26 for non-payment of dues. And that said Hiram Lodge No. 26 has since become and now is defunct. And from a receipt from the Grand Secretary, we find that said petitioner has paid into the Grand Lodge all dues charged against petitioner by said defunct lodge and that he now prays that the Grand Lodge restore him to good standing in the fraternity. We therefore recommend that said petitioner be restored to good standing in the fraternity.

6. The petition of George Edward Fosberg shows that on or about the 25th day of March, 1902, he was expelled by Ashlar Lodge No. 308 for conduct unbecoming a Mason. From an examination of the papers and from the facts and circumstances surrounding the case, and the certificate of the Secretary of said Ashlar Lodge, we find that said lodge has recommended the restoration of said petitioner to good standing in the fraternity. We therefore ask that the prayer of said petition be granted and that he be so restored.

7. The petition of Andrew Hynes Story shows that on or about the 13th day of March, 1907, he was expelled by May Lodge No. 718, for conduct unbecoming a Mason. After having carefully examined the papers filed herein and the certificate of the Secretary of May Lodge No. 718, we find that therefrom that the lodge has failed by a majority vote of the members present to recommend the granting of the prayer of said petition. We would respectfully recommend that the papers herein be referred back to said Lodge for further action thereon.

8. The petition of George W. Pulford shows that on or about the 19th day of October, 1907, he was expelled from Damascus Lodge No. 888 for unmasonic conduct. Your committee have carefully examined all the papers and the evidence in this case and from a careful consideration thereof, and being fully advised in the premises, we are of the opinion that the good of Masonry would be best conserved by not granting the prayer of said petitioner. We would recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BEN HAGLE,
J. E. WHEAT,
FRANCIS E. BALDWIN,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—Adopted.

R.W. Sidney S. Breese called up the amendments to Article 15, Part I, Grand Lodge By-Laws proposed last year, and moved its adoption.

The section as adopted reads as follows:

Section 6. The members of this Board shall be considered as a standing committee and be entitled to mileage and per diem for attendance at Grand Lodge the same as other standing committees refrred to in Section 6, Article 13, Part 1, of the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

The amendment was adopted.

RESOLUTION—Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Bro. J. Scott Matthews, Worshipful Master of Equity Lodge No. 878, presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That each and every Past Grand Master be presented by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge with a Past Grand Master's jewel, each jewel to cost not less than one hundred and fifty dollars.

It was referred to the Finance Committee.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—Adopted.

Bro. Julius Kline of Ashlar Lodge No. 308, called up the amendment to Section 1, Article 2, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, proposed last year, and moved its adoption.

The section as amended now reads as follows:

"In a city or town where there is more than one lodge it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each lodge to give notice in writing to all other lodges situated in such city or town of all petitions received or rejected, stating the name in full, age, occupation and place of residence of the petitioner. This notice to be given promptly after receipt of a petition and at least twenty days before ballot thereon is taken. *Provided,* that when more than one lodge shall hold its meetings in the same hall or room, a register may be kept upon the secretary, desk or other appropriate place in lieu of said written notice, setting forth the aforesaid particulars for the information of the lodges meeting in such hall; and provided, further, that said requirements as to notice shall not apply to petition for membership by affiliation."

The amendment was adopted.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—Lost.

M.W. Bro. Edward Cook called up amendment to Section 2, Article 8, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-Laws, proposed last year, and moved its adoption.

"Section 2. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall visit every lodge in his district at least once in each year and thoroughly examine its records and accounts and fully inform himself as to the condition of the lodge and make report to the Grand Master in each case. He shall inquire into the administration of the lodge affairs and make such suggestions to the officers as seem necessary to insure a full compliance with Grand Lodge laws. The lodge visited shall pay the necessary traveling expenses for such visit upon presentation of an itemized bill. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Grand Master. For the necessary expenses accruing from the performance of such specially delegated duties an itemized bill shall be rendered to the Grand Master, who in his discretion may pay the same from the Grand Lodge funds or order its payment by the lodge."

The amendment was lost.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION.

The Tellers having collected and counted the several ballots reported that the following named brothers had received the majority of votes cast, and they were declared duly elected:

Albert B. Ashley, M.W. Grand Master.
Delmar D. Darrah, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Henry T. Burnap, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Ralph H. Wheeler, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Leroy A. Goddard, R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary.

INVITATIONS.

Invitations were extended to the Representatives to visit the following lodges: Garden City No. 141, St. Cecilia No. 865, Cleveland No. 211.

CALLED OFF.

At 4:15 the M.W. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, A. D. 1909, A. L. 5909.
9 o'clock A. M.

The M.W. Grand Master called the M.W. Grand Lodge from refreshment to labor at 9:00 o'clock.

Grand Officers and Representatives were present same as preceding day.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

REPORT—Special Committee.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of a revision of the law pertaining to the formation of new lodges, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and recommended that they take the usual course.

To *the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:*

Amend Section 11, Article 13, Constitution, by adding thereto the following paragraph:

Provided, however, that the Grand Lodge may, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, issue a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, outside a city or town having three or more lodges, on the recommendation of two out of the three nearest lodges, so that said Section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 2. No dispensation shall be issued by order of the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master in any city or town having three or more chartered lodges (except the city of Chicago) without the recommendation of the three oldest lodges, nor in any other place, without the recommendation of the three nearest lodges; provided, however, that the Grand Lodge may, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, issue a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge outside a city or town having three or more lodges, on the recommendation of two out of the three nearest lodges.

Amend Section V, Article 13, Constitution, by striking out the word "eight" in the second line, and substituting therefor the word "twenty," so that said Section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 5. Every petition for a new lodge shall be signed by twenty Master Masons, accompanied by a certificate from a Grand Lecturer that the proposed Master is able to open and close a lodge and to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason correctly and in full, with a plat and description of the halls and ante-rooms to be occupied, and statement in regard to the ownership and use of the same.

Amend Grand Lodge By-Laws by striking out Section 7, Article 22, Part 2, and inserting the following in place thereof:

Section 7. In the formation of new lodges the recommendating lodges must be chartered lodges. Every recommendation for the formation of a new lodge emanating from a chartered lodge, shall certify that by means of a thorough examination by a competent committee the lodge has ascertained that the applicants are worthy Master Masons in good standing and that it has verified all the statements contained in the petition under consideration, and that said petition was read to the lodge in full at the meeting when received and again at the meeting when vote was taken, and no recommendation shall be granted by any lodge without the affirmative ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a stated communication. All resident members shall be notified by mail of the pending application, and the date when vote thereon will be taken. Such recommendation shall set forth the date of the meetings of the lodge at which the request was received and acted upon, the number of votes cast for and against the same and the number of members belonging to the lodge recommending. In a city where concurrent jurisdiction exists, any three lodges out of the six lodges nearest the proposed location of the new lodge may, recommend the formation of a new lodge in such city. In all places outside of such concurrent jurisdiction, it must be the three nearest lodges whether within or without corporate limits: Provided that where the nearest lodges are within the city the consent of the outside lodges whose territorial jurisdiction is abridged, must also be obtained. Provided, further, that the Grand Lodge may, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, issue a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, outside a city or town having three or more lodges, on the recommendation of two out of the three nearest lodges.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

A. B. Ashley,
Delmar D. Darrah,
H. T. Burnap,
Committee.

The amendments offered to the Constitution will go to the lodges for their action, both of them being seconded by a majority of Representatives.

The amendment to the By-Laws having been seconded by more than twenty Representatives will be acted on next year.

REPORT—Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented its report through its Chairman, M.W. Bro. Monroe C. Crawford.

M.W. Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M.:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances fraternally submit the following report:

No. 1.

HERDER LODGE No. 699
vs.

Action of the lodge set aside and the defendant declared guilty as charged, and that he be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

No. 2.

MCLEAN LODGE No. 469
vs.

Action of the lodge set aside and defendant declared not guilty, and restored to all of the rights and privileges of Masonry.

No. 3.

BEN HUR LODGE No. 818
vs.

Action of the lodge sustained.

No. 4.

COVENANT LODGE No. 526
vs.

Action of the lodge sustained.

No. 5.

COVENANT LODGE No. 526
vs.

Action of the lodge set aside and the case remanded for new trial

No. 6.

MILTON LODGE No. 275
vs.

Case continued, and Milton Lodge ordered to send up the complete record of the charges, specifications, evidence and action of the lodge.

No. 7.

CARNATION LODGE No. 900
vs.

Case continued, and the lodge ordered to send up a complete transcription of the evidence in this case.

No. 8.

MASON LODGE No. 217
vs.

Action of the lodge set aside and the brother restored to all of the rights and privileges of Masonry.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

MONROE C. CRAWFORD,
JOSEPH E. DYAS,
H. H. MONTGOMERY,
G. R. SMITH,
A. W. WEST,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT—Special Committee on Recognition.

The report of the Special Committee of five, appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge on the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, was presented. The views of the minority were also given.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Your Committee have had under consideration the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico possesses exclusive control and undisputed authority over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, to-wit: The degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, within the territorial limits of the Republic of Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, The several lodges subordinate thereto are conferring the said degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in conformity with the ancient landmarks and usages of the institution of Freemasonry; and,

WHEREAS, Fraternal recognition has been extended to the said Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico by the Grand Lodges of Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Mississippi, Michigan, Manitoba, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, England, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, all of which are recognized as regular by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois; and with which fraternal relations have been firmly established; therefore,

Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois hereby extends fraternal recognition of the M.W. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as the peer of all other sister Grand Lodges with which it enjoys relations of amity, and as such invites an exchange of representatives, thus aiding to preserve and strengthen the fraternal ties which bind the universal brotherhood of Masonry.

This identical resolution, referred to the Committee on Correspondence in 1906, was acted upon and decisively denied at the Grand Lodge of 1907; whereupon the report of that Committee showed from the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico that that body was formed by the splitting up of one lodge, La Union Fraternal, into three lodges, in pretended compliance with the law of Masonry whose unvarying precedent had required the participation of three lodges to form a new Grand Lodge for a period of at least one hundred and sixteen years, this subterfuge attesting how thoroughly and universally that law was understood.

The Committee on Correspondence, although satisfied that the lodge thus alleged to be dismembered was a clandestine body, said that it did not deem it necessary to discuss that phase of the subject, it being enough to know that, even were the lodge regular, two, at least, of the alleged lodges resulting from this division must be unchartered bodies, and that this action was in no sense a compliance with the law requiring the participation of three regular lodges. The Grand Lodge took the

same view, and, as already indicated, decisively refused recognition to the new body, or rather to a body which, under various names and guises, had existed since 1868.

It would seem that this self-confessed dishonesty ought fully to have warranted the belief prevailing at the time that the question had been permanently disposed of, but in the Grand Lodge of 1908 the resolution was again brought forward, this time being presented by Most Worshipful Brother Moulton, and referred to this Committee. The construction of this resolution and its sweeping assertion well illustrates the dangers to which Senator Benton called attention when he accused a brother Senator of having injected a stump speech into the belly of a bill. In the first place it places the Grand Lodge of Illinois squarely inantagonism with the now well settled doctrine for which it has always stood, that the majority of the lodges, not less than three, existing in autonomous open territory, have the right to form a Grand Lodge which shall possess absolute sovereignty therein. The resolution claims exclusive jurisdiction for the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico throughout the Republic, everyone of whose twenty or more states is as completely autonomous as the states composing the American union, and, hence, in the view of this Grand Lodge, fully entitled to a Grand Lodge of its own. The resolution, therefore, not only denies this great doctrine for which the Grand Lodge of Illinois has always stood, but it declares that it exercises undisputed sovereignty throughout the Mexican states; when the fact is that, even were it a regular body, it could lay no shadow of a claim to exclusive jurisdiction outside of the Federal District of Mexico, a small tract bearing a similar relation to that Republic that the District of Columbia bears to the Republic of the United States. But the further fact is that there are several of the Mexican states possessing Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction within their respective boundaries, the number of which is not precisely known to this Committee,—probably six or eight, the evidence of the existence of which is to be found in the recent proceedings of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico itself.

There can be no question as to the clandestine character of the body out of whose fragments the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was alleged to have been built. Dust throwing is often indulged in by reference to the lodges chartered about 1824 through the influence of our Minister to Mexico, Mr. Poinsett, but all of those lodges went out of existence not later than around 1828, and there is no history of a charter of any regular lodge in Mexico since then, save one,—Toltec Lodge, which was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. This charter, however, was

withdrawn during the last decade of the nineteenth century, and its members, yielding to commercial considerations, sought to receive a charter from the Gran Dieta Simbolica, under which name the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico practically existed during the ten years from 1890 to 1900, nominally as one of the constituents of the gran dieta but really, through the domination of Eimilio G. Canton, who was Grand Master of one and Grand Secretary of the other, its other self.

It was through the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico that woman Masonry with all its scandals, which finally became so rank as to stifle the gran dieta in its own atmosphere, came into that body, carried thence from the Scottish Rite, in whose bodies women attained as high as the Fourteenth Degree before that time.

It is manifest that nothing but purely commercial considerations could have induced regular American Masons to practically repudiate their obligations and attempt, as has been done, to convert a clandestine, aristocratic, hierarchical organization into the free representative commonwealth of absolutely equal rights and eligibilities—the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

That the pressure for recognition is a purely commercial one is shown by the history of the so-called Grand Lodge of Costa Rica. Like the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico of Scottish Rite origin, while no less than half a dozen lodges participated and everything was regular except the genesis of the lodges themselves, there has been absolutely no pressure for the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, simply because the commercial relations of the two peoples have not, as in the case of Mexico, become increasingly intimate.

We come now to the core of this subject, the question of loyalty to our obligations to Free and Accepted Masonry; that Masonry which we all received on condition that it should be preserved unchanged; that Masonry on which all other so-called Masonic organizations have been superimposed. It is manifest that, as the free and accepted Masonry which we received necessarily commanded our complete allegiance, nobody in the name of Masonry could lay us under obligations differing by a hair's breadth from those imposed by it. The chief of these obligations is that of obedience to the landmarks. It is these that determine the form and character and constitute the spirit of Freemasonry. They define Masonry and the constitution of every Grand Lodge makes their preservation unchanged the first of Masonic duties.

While it is the fashion of some whose perceptions seem to be cleared by the claim of multitudinous degrees and the clamor of high-sounding titles to attempt to whistle the landmarks down the wind on the alleged

ground that there is a great difference as to what they are, the conclusive fact stands out beyond the possibility of gainsaying that throughout the world of free and accepted Masonry, which constitutes at least nineteen-twentieths of all the alleged Masonry in the world, there is a substantial agreement among the Grand Lodges as to what the landmarks determine and circumscribe as Masonry. Acknowledging their paramount obligation to the landmarks, they necessarily teach as Masonry that which is thus determined and circumscribed, and the fact that they all teach substantially the same thing, many of them, like the Grand Lodge of Illinois, paying hundreds of dollars annually to teach and impart it, shows how general and instinctive is the consensus as to what the landmarks cover and require.

It is past comprehension how any Scottish Rite Mason of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America can claim any authority in free and accepted Masonry. It has no more authority to charter lodges than has a Commandery of Knights Templar or a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, each of which is built upon Masonry but without claiming any rights in it. When it was reported that the Scottish Rite Masons claimed authority in Free and Accepted Masonry, Grand Master Cregier of Illinois wrote Josiah H. Drummond, the head of the Northern Jurisdiction, and asked him if it was so. Mr. Drummond's reply was as strong as it could possibly be made, disclaiming any authority in Ancient Craft Masonry and said that the constitutions excluded any such claim, adding "if this disclaimer is not strong enough write it stronger and I will sign it."

Not less strong is the language of Henry L. Palmer now and for many years the head of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction in a report to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. He says, "The impudent assumption of the right of the Grand Council of the 33d Degree to constitute and administer symbolic lodges A.F. and A.M. is a right which Supreme Councils of the 33d Degree never possessed and which we believe they have never before attempted to exercise."

The fifteen points of the Master's obligation, without assenting to which no master has ever been installed, were agreed to as the same as the Charges of a Freemason, possess like those charges the landmark quality. In conformity with these requirements every Master on this floor has agreed as a condition of accepting power that "no new lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge" (not the permission of a Supreme Council or a Grand Commandery), coupled with a solemn agreement "to respect genuine Masons and to discontenance all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry."

Loyalty to the landmarks and to the steadfast record of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in withstanding all impostors and dissenters from the original plan of Masonry—loyalty to our own consciences requires us to advise that the resolution does not pass.

JOSEPH ROBBINS,
Chairman.

We concur in the recommendation made by the chairman, M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins, that the resolution does not pass.

OWEN SCOTT,
MONROE C. CRAWFORD,
WM. B. WRIGHT,
Committee.

SEPARATE REPORT OF BROTHER GEORGE M. MOULTON

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of the State of Illinois, Greeting:

The undersigned, in behalf of the innumerable host of Masons, who sympathizing with our brethren of the sister republic of Mexico in their heroic and self-sacrificing efforts to uplift the cause of Masonry in their midst and establish that God-given institution in their land, in all its purity and majesty, have recognized their claims for fraternal recognition, and extended the hand of fraternal fellowship, does hereby dissent from the report submitted by the chairman of the committee, having under consideration the proposition of extending fraternal recognition, and entering into relations of unity and concord, with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and in support of such action submits the following:

The majority report is devoid of either facts or findings by which to justify the adverse recommendation with which it concludes regarding the resolution of recognition now pending before you. It is truly a rather forceful expression of the personal views of its author, with which in theory, there will be no contention among all good and true Masons wheresoever dispersed, except insofar as the endeavor is made to show that our Mexican brethren as at present organized are without the sphere of our fraternal recognition, by reason of alleged irregularity in the formation of their Grand Lodge, or being at variance with those well grounded, well established and fully accepted principles expressed by the writer of the report from which we dissent.

It is worthy of note that the remaining members of the committee, whose names are thereto appended, have not foreclosed themselves in this regard, but have limited themselves to a concurrence in the adverse recommendation, presumably for reasons that appeared good to them, although not necessarily in harmony with the views expressed by the Chairman of the Committee, otherwise their unqualified assent would be shown by their signatures to the report without further addition or qualification.

Exception is taken to the emphatic statement contained in the opening paragraph of the report and reiterated in the following paragraph thereof, to the effect that the pending resolution was "decisively" denied at the Grand Lodge of 1907. Such a statement unchallenged might lead the wavering mind to believe that the advocates of the cause embraced in the resolution were in a hopeless minority, whereas it is no strain upon truth to affirm that the Grand Lodge was very nearly equally divided upon the proposition. Truly the Noes were in excess of the Ayes, and hence the result of the vote was decisive, but it is confidently believed that in the light of present knowledge of conditions the resulting vote on the pending resolution will be more decisively registered in its favor.

In regard to the very much mixed metaphor attributed to the late Senator Benton, by which an anatomical monstrosity is charged against the author of the pending resolution, a careful and critical reading of the resolution fails to reveal any part of its anatomy, if a resolve may have such a qualification, where a speech delivered from a stump or otherwise has found lodgment. Neither does the resolution by its terms, if adopted by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, place that august body in any attitude of antagonism with the established doctrine in respect to the formation of Grand Lodges in Masonry or the sovereignty thereof. On the contrary it reaffirms and accentuates that very doctrine, and only leaves the fact to be determined whether or not the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico does maintain a lawful existence under the established doctrine of our institution.

It is conceded that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico does not possess, neither does it claim exclusive jurisdiction over the entire territorial area of the Republic of Mexico. The statements made in the report that the Republic of Mexico like that of the United States is composed of numerous autonomous states, each one of which is entitled to a Grand Lodge of its own, legitimately formed is quite correct and the preamble of the pending resolution is to this extent in error. The comparison made in the report between the scope of the Federal District in Mexico and the District of Columbia in the United States is a happy and

appropriate one. The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico has an equal right to the Masonic jurisdiction of the Federal District of Mexico that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia enjoys, a right by the way which the latter has formally accorded to the former in common with forty-three or more other Grand Lodges of which twenty-eight or more are of the United States received and acknowledged as such by the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of the State of Illinois.

The proposition now under consideration does not deal with other Grand Lodges existing in the Republic of Mexico. We need have no apprehension of a conflict of authority in recognizing Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as having exclusive jurisdiction and unrestricted sovereignty over the territorial limits of the Federal District of Mexico since it has neither rival nor contestant for such powers or authority.

It is claimed, and there is much confirmatory evidence of the truth of the claim, that a Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. was regularly formed in the City of Mexico in the year 1825, the three constituent lodges from which it was formed having been chartered by Grand Lodges of the United States, one at least emanating from the Grand Lodge of New York. The internal disturbances and civil wars resulting in the overthrow of several governmental administrations in the country, and especially the inimical attitude of some of those administrations and those in power towards the institution of Masonry conspired to defeat the laudable aims of the founders of the institution in Mexico. Lodges regularly formed ceased to exist or lay dormant as would be inevitable in any country so torn by dissension, and ruled by avarice and ignorance as was Mexico for so many years. It was only under the beneficent administration of Diaz, himself a devoted Mason, that the forces of reason and intelligence resumed sway and Masonry again attracted its votaries to take active interest and give earnest encouragement to its uplifting and righteous purposes. In the meantime during the chaotic condition of affairs, civil and otherwise, Masonry in Mexico drifted from the established course at times. Unskillful pilots and unprincipled masters brought the good ship of Masonry into troubled waters, where amid the breakers of ignorance and the rocks of evil practice the craft well nigh was overwhelmed in irretrievable ruins. But an all wise Providence did not so ordain, and finally the remaining elements of the institution, tried by adversity, purified by sacrifice, strengthened by truth, animated with loyalty, and led by unselfish brethren strong in purpose and sturdy in its accomplishment, have firmly established a governing body for Ancient Craft Masonry in the Federal District of Mexico, whose sway is unquestioned, whose aims and purposes are pure, noble and exalted, whose administration is faultless, whose fellowship is un-

tainted with aught that is objectionable. Notwithstanding its pedigree through unavoidable causes is not as distinctly traceable as the Grand Lodges formed in the tranquility with which our own country has been blessed, and notwithstanding the fact that through unwise leadership and perverted ideas there have been deviations in the past from the paths of rectitude, freely admitted, humbly attoned for, and from which being utterly redeemed, absolution for the sins of omission and commission by our Mexican brethren is now fairly due.

The reference in the report under consideration to the non-recognition of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, by reason of no movement in that direction being made of that character, is not germane to the question at issue. Such a proposition has no more place in the present discussion than the Papal bull of ex-communication against the faithful of the church who might perchance be the votaries of Masonry. It is entitled to no more weight than the negative testimony introduced by the purloiner of his neighbor's chickens that notwithstanding there was one affirmative witness to his depredations, there were at least nine others who failed to observe the alleged overt act. The Costa Rica condition will be cared for in due time and its recognition undoubtedly determined according to the merits of the case, just as was done by the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1898, when the Grand Lodge of Cuba came knocking at our door and received a fraternal welcome to an acceptable union of interests which has grown stronger and dearer ever since, notwithstanding the pedigree of that new comer in the galaxy of legitimate Grand Lodges was equally as obscure, and clouded with the same doubtful origin, as that of its sister republic now seeking a nook in our fraternal hearts, and the opportunity to work hand in hand towards the accomplishment of a universal brotherhood of man. under the Fatherhood of God. It is no discredit, that the intimate social and commercial relations existing and constantly growing between the sister republics of the United States and Mexico make the demand for recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico more imperative than would be otherwise the case if there were a lack of common interest between the peoples of those nations; nor should such a desirable condition as now exists in that respect operate to the disadvantage of our brethren in Mexico in considering the admissability of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico into Masonic communion and fellowship. We boldly proclaim that condition as a potent reason why slight irregularity, obscure links in the genealogical chain, divergencies in the troubled past from the straight path of Masonic progress, and doubtful procedure in times of stress and tribulation, should be leniently overlooked and condoned, especially in view of the present-day exemption from all evil ways and unsavory practices, and in the radiant light of our happy experience from a similar forgiving

and forbearing spirit shown to that other child of doubtful ancestry, the Grand Lodge of Cuba, whose Masonic standard now is hailed with glad acclaim by every governing body of Ancient Craft Masonry with which the Grand Lodge of Illinois is in accord and relations of amity.

The cry which has been raised that we would violate our obligations, infringe upon the landmarks of Masonry, or detract from our fealty to the institution, by extending the fraternal recognition contemplated by the pending resolution, need cause no feeling of apprehension in the mind of any loyal widow's son in this jurisdiction or elsewhere. The heavens did not fall, nor the earth rise up in convulsions, neither did any of the craft suffer the pains of excommunication by reasons of extending the fraternal hand of fellowship to our Cuban brethren, notwithstanding the Grand Lodge of Cuba could not trace its genealogy direct and untainted from the Mother Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of the State of Illinois is supreme in its sovereignty over all things Masonic within its jurisdiction. Ever since the institution of Masonry has existed the beneficent art of healing has been a remedy for all irregularities in Masonic procedure. When our Grand Lodge in the exercises of its wisdom and inherent fundamental law by its dictum places the seal of approval upon the constitution of the present Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, it is just as effective so far as the Masons of Illinois are concerned in removing any possible stigma upon its birth or origin, and relieving it from any of the pains and penalties of possible misdeeds or mistaken acts, as when the Supreme Architect of the Universe proclaimed "Let there be light" and there was light, where darkness reigned before on the face of the deep. No landmark, or ancient charge of Freemasonry, or any obligation ever placed upon us as Masons ever restricted the power of the Grand Lodge from doing all things for the good of Masonry within its territorial jurisdiction not in direct contravention of the landmarks and ancient charges of Freemasonry. Grand Lodges have ever been conceded the right for just cause and on reasonable grounds to place the ban of non-intercourse on the Masons of another jurisdiction, and yet our relations are undisturbed with the Grand Lodge which thus severs its relations with one of our sister Grand Lodges bound to us with the ties of fraternity and bonds of amity. For like reasons Masonic recognition may be extended by one Grand Lodge to another without disturbance of the Fraternal relations existing between the Grand Lodge thus extending recognition, and its colleagues, even though some of the latter may withhold that recognition for reasons deemed to be adequate.

The pending resolution involves no question of the so-called higher degrees in Masonry. For the purposes of the present argument it may

be considered that the degree of Master Mason is the climax in Masonry with the possible reservation that the Royal Arch Degree was originally included in the ritual of the Master Mason's degree but is now universally conceded to be the property of another Masonic organization. How or why Grand Lodges of A.F. and A.M. were bereft of this essential element in the legend which forms the basis of Freemasonry, is unknown to the writer, but it is evident that one very important innovation in the original plan of Masonry, and some one or many must have become in a measure dissenters therefrom, and yet Freemasonry still survives. The Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, with which our symbolic lodges work in unison and concord welcome within their tiled precincts, where none but Master Masons can ever enter, the Royal Arch Mason hailing from the Valle de Mexico, and yet that sojourning brother and each of the brethren whom he meets in the Chapter is barred from admission to the lodges which made it possible for them to be links in the same fraternal chain. The incongruity of such a condition is manifest. While it may be truly said that no other organization may make laws or establish precedents for the government of Master Masons, other than a Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., the recited condition of affairs emphasizes the propriety of our Grand Lodge within the scope of its constitutional right, lifting the unnecessary and embarrassing burden now borne by its members who have sought further light in Masonry in the secret vault of the Chapter.

There is no question involved in this discussion regarding the formation of any new lodge without permission of the Grand Lodge, neither does any of the fifteen points of the Master's obligation apply. The simple and sole question to be determined by the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Illinois, is whether or not the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M., Valle de Mexico, is worthy of fraternal recognition, and its members in good standing are acceptable as brethren, entitled to all the rights and benefits accorded to brethren of like degree hailing from other jurisdictions with which our Grand Lodge holds fraternal relations.

Attention is invited to another incongruity arising from the present condition. A Mason hailing from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, now considered as irregular and clandestine may with perfect propriety dimit from his Mexican lodge and affiliate with some lodge of the obedience of any one of twenty-eight or more Grand Lodges of the United States recognized as legitimate by our Grand Lodge, and who have placed the seal of approval upon the Mexican work. Thereafter that brother is entitled to and will receive from the lodges and craft in Illinois all the fraternal recognition which is possible to accord to the brethren of his new affiliation regardless of his Masonic birth being illegitimate from

the present Illinois standard of legitimacy. The most rigid stickler for pure and unadulterated Freemasonry will concede this fact. Can it be possible that the mere process of dimission and affiliation can effect a regeneration or reformation of unfit material. Better by far cure the defect, if any exists, by direct methods and make a clean job of the undertaking without the necessity of engaging in any round-about process for securing the same result.

Due regard should be given also to the fact, that under present conditions, and under the universal law of Masonry that no new lodge may be formed within the territory occupied by a Grand Lodge without its consent, it would be utterly impossible now or hereafter to form another Grand Lodge in the United States in the Federal District of Mexico without a wholesale violation of all the ethics of the institution of Masonry. Even the most strenuous contender that at least three lodges chartered by some Grand Lodge or lodges of acknowledged legitimacy are prerequisite to the formation of a Grand Lodge in the Federal District of Mexico, worthy of recognition by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, would not have the temerity to urge the formation of such new lodges in that district since nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world with which we are in accord, including the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and many others not so favored have formally recognized the supreme sovereignty of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico over Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the Federal District of Mexico. If recognition be withheld from the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and no new lodges can be legitimately formed there, the necessary result would be that the Federal District of Mexico would be forever a place of Masonic darkness unless the present Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico should voluntarily dissolve, which is a contingency impossible to contemplate.

In brief we find the following conditions and qualifications favorable to the recognition of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as a legitimate supreme governing body of Ancient Craft Masonry and hence the peer of all other sister Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Illinois, holds fraternal relations:

1. It is the legitimate survivor and successor of a Grand Lodge regularly formed in 1825 in the Republic of Mexico whose career is shrouded in darkness for a period of forty years, when the only remaining fragments of the organization were reformed and reorganized into the present Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and continued as such to the present day.

2. It is sovereign and independent as a governing body of Free and Accepted Masons exclusively within the limits of the territorial jurisdic-

tion and so recognized by its sister Grand Lodges in the Republic of Mexico.

3. It has absolute control over the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason within the limits of its territorial jurisdiction, which right has been irrevocably conceded by the Supreme Council of Mexico of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite following the precedent established by the Scottish Rite Councils of this country but in a more formal emphatic and unmistakable manner.

4. The several lodges of its obedience are conferring the degrees of symbolic Masonry in strict conformity with the customs and usages of Freemasonry and all their procedure in both grand and subordinate lodges is in strict accord with the ancient charges and landmarks of Masonry.

5. At least thirty-five Grand Lodges of this and other countries in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, including the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and a dozen or more others claiming to be legitimate in every way, have formally recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as their peer and welcomed it to full Masonic fellowship.

6. This practically universal recognition which has been extended by the Masonic world to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico renders impossible the establishment of symbolic Masonry in the Republic of Mexico under any other auspices or control since any effort in that direction would be an affront to the great majority of the governing bodies of Masonry in the world, which would meet not only with their just resentment, but would justify them in characterizing as irregular and clandestine any invasion of the rights, powers and privileges of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico by the formation of any lodge or lodges within its territorial jurisdiction or that of the other Grand Lodges of the Republic of Mexico with which it is allied.

7. A fraternal alliance resulting from the extension of recognition and customary interchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico would be of material benefit to the craft of Illinois. Each year the tide of travel and commerce towards that progressive and promising Republic of the South is increasing in volume and importance. At present the rights and benefits, the pleasures and beauties of Masonry are denied to our brethren sojourning in that land of promise. Let good, common sense prevail, and with the spirit of forgiveness for all past transgressions, extend the hand of Masonic fellowship to our brethren who are fighting nobly for the cause of Masonry where it has been sorely distressed at times and even now requires the utmost vigilance and cordial support for the preservation of its purity and majesty,

being assured that we of Illinois will be received into the hearts of our Mexican brethren with an affectionate and enduring welcome.

The undersigned urgently recommends to the M.W. Grand Lodge that the first preamble to the pending resolution be amended to conform with existing conditions so that it will conclude with the words "within the territorial limits of the Federal District of the Republic of Mexico" and that in this amended form the preamble and resolution be adopted by the M.W. Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Illinois.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. M. MOULTON,
Of Special Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the report of the Committee.

An amendment was offered that the views of the minority be substituted for the report of the Committee.

After full discussion the motion to substitute the amendment was lost.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

SECOND REPORT—Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

M.W. Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, presented the report of this Committee, on matters reported by the Grand Master in his address last year.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois:

A decison of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, reported in his address to the Grand Lodge on October 6, 1908, has been referred to this committee with direction that the committee consider the same, and report our conclusions.

That portion of the address of the Grand Master containing the decision is as follows:

APPEALS TO THE GRAND LODGE.

The question has been submitted to me whether it was the duty of the Secretary of the lodge in which an accused brother has been found guilty, where an appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge, to file a transcript of the charges, specifications and proceedings with the Grand Lodge, merely upon notice from appellant of his intention to appeal.

Section 3, Article 9, Part 3, does provide that "the appellant shall give the lodge appealed from notice of his intention to appeal within ninety days after notice of its action or decision has been given," etc. "The Secretary of such lodge under the direction of the Master, shall at least thirty days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, transmit to the Grand Secretary an attested copy of all charges, specifications, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case and if requested, furnish the appellant with a like attested copy." That section of the by-law would plainly indicate that it is the duty of the secretary to furnish the appellant a copy of the transcript and to file likewise a copy with the Grand Secretary, thus affectuating the appeal.

It is to be observed, however, that Section 3, from which I have quoted, is an old provision of the law and was in our book of laws prior to its revision in 1905. In the revised edition of our Blue Book, Section 8, Article 7, Part 3, is new, and that section provides "should an appeal be taken from the decision of the lodge in any case, the party taking the appeal, or the lodge if it orders the appeal, shall pay the cost of making a record of the appeal proceedings and of a transcript of the testimony and rulings above mentioned to be filed with the Grand Lodge." That section provides that a transcript of the record and evidence shall be made and filed with the Secretary of the lodge in which the trial was had and shall remain thereafter in his custody and this is to be done in all cases whether an appeal is taken or not. The party appealing must procure a copy of that transcript and pay for making the same and then the copy for which he pays is to be filed with the Grand Secretary, thus perfecting the appeal. The two sections to which I refer seem to be in conflict but inasmuch as Section 8 of Article 7 last quoted is the last expression of the legislative will, I held that that is the law governing appeals and that the secretary of the lodge is not required to file a transcript of the record with the Grand Secretary without pay, but on the contrary that the party taking the appeal must pay for making the transcript and that until that is done an appeal is not perfected. I have held that if it were the duty of the secretary of the lodge to file a transcript with the Grand Secretary merely upon notice that an appeal was desired, it would impose upon the lodge a very great burden and hardship when the purpose to appeal may have been entirely abandoned. I report my ruling on this question that the Grand Lodge may either approve it or dissent from it because there does seem to be a conflict in the two sections of the by-laws quoted and because there are cases which have arisen in the state during the past year whose course has been controlled by my decision so rendered.

I therefore respectfully request that this question may be considered and determined by the appropriate committee, preferably by the committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Your Committee reports that they have very carefully examined the decision made by the Grand Master and, that in their opinion, it very forcibly, clearly, and correctly construes Section 8, Article 7, Part 3 of the Grand Lodge By-laws on the subject of appeals to the Grand Lodge, and will be a great aid and assistance to the Secretaries of Constituent Lodges, Committees of the Grand Lodge, especially the

Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and the fraternity throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee therefore recommend the approval of the decision of the Grand Master, as contained in this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

MONROE C. CRAWFORD,
JOSEPH DYAS,
H. H. MONTGOMERY,
G. R. SMITH,
A. W. WEST,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

ORATION.

Bro. Euclid B. Rogers, R.W. Grand Orator, delivered the Annual Oration.

THE WORLD GROWING BETTER.

All through the ages there has been a tendency on the part of people to idealize the past and to minimize the present. Yesterday was big, the past has produced big things and big men; the products of the present are small and puny in comparison. The great performances have all been in the other years, and the great performers are dead. That despairing note was heard away back in the days of Ecclesiastes, the preacher, and it is heard today.

At the opening of this century critics of our time cited the masters of art and song, and claimed that the Nineteenth century produced no names that will live forever. But the Nineteenth century produced an Emerson, a Webster, a Clay, a Tennyson, an Agassiz, a Darwin, a Huxley, a Spencer and a Beecher. So that if the century were too busy widening the liberties of men and increasing the wealth of the world to write very much poetry or paint many pictures it did not wholly fail even on the intellectual side.

What lauder of the past, what censor of the present would like to go back to the time when there wasn't a mile of good road in the country, when to warm churches was an unholy proceeding, when one traveled on bouncing, jouncing stages, when one had his teeth pulled without gas and his legs cut off without ether, when even statesmen and divines didn't know how to spell, when England assumed the right to stop our ships on the high seas and impress freeborn citizens into her

navy, when pickpockets gathered in droves at every public function, when such things as sanitation and vaccination and the isolation of disease were unknown, when the sands and shoals of our coasts were unmarked by light or signal, when coal or gas or electricity were never used.

In other times we took a car
Drawn by horses, if going far,
And felt that we were blest.
Now the conductor takes the fare
And sticks a broomstick in the air
And lightning does the rest.

In other days along the street
A glimmering lantern led our feet
When on a midnight stroll.
But now we catch, when night is nigh,
A piece of lightning from the sky,
And stick it on a pole.

Time was when one must hold his ear
Close to a whispering voice to hear,
Like deaf men—nigh and nigher.
But now from town to town he talks,
And puts his nose into a box
And whispers through a wire.

Talk as one may of the glories of the past, no man would care to go back to its crudities and inconveniences.

Concededly, there has been progress and improvement in material things—in the matter of comfort and convenience there can be no question but that the present is far and away ahead of the past; men are richer, better fed and better dressed and know more than ever. "But," censorious spirits are wont to ask, "What does all this amount to? Have the improvements in methods and things done anything worth while for the man and the race? Has the advance along material lines worked any change for the better on the lives of men, Is the world a better world down at the heart of it?"

Of course a positive and mathematical answer is impossible—the field of inquiry is too vast, racial character is too secret and subtle. And yet any sort of comparison of present conditions with past conditions will show any thoughtful man who has a bit of hope in his make-up that the trend of the world is upward. I hold to the philosophy of possible and actual world betterment. I believe that there are more men today than ever who hold the cheeriest good-will toward all their fellows—I maintain that from the standpoint of goodness the world is a better world today than ever in its history, and I'll tell you the why and wherefore of my belief.

"Growing better," what do I mean by that? I shall enter into no academic or theological discussion of that phrase but I shall speak of it in a very plain, understandable, practical fashion. When you say that a man is growing better you mean that his sense of justice is keener, his morals are cleaner, he's more humane, he's more considerate of his fellows, and that his religion has taken firmer grip upon his heart and life. That, in ordinary parlance is what one means when he says that a man is growing better, and that sort of a definition is good enough for all practical purposes when we speak of the aggregation of men, the world, growing better.

The sense of justice, it's wider-spread and of finer fiber than ever. There's a marked improvement in the spirit of legislation. "Human rights must be protected, and offenses against the law must be punished," that sentiment has been growing with the years.

The rights of woman, that means something today. In other days woman had no rights; she belonged as a chattel to the man just as a hog or a horse belonged to him. Her husband gave her presents, and yet those presents under the law were still his. He could beat her, he could deprive her of the guardianship of her children. It was not until the end of the Seventeenth century that woman had the right to the separate use of her property, and not until the middle of the Nineteenth century was she recognized and protected by legislation as a person, entitled to work and receive wages, and to use her earnings as she pleased.

Justice for the children, that's been on since the English Factories Act of 1833. The child has the right to life and growth, physical, mental and moral, and no employer and no parent shall deprive the child of his God-given, inalienable rights. And even if his bent be toward the wrong the spirit of the law now is, "turn him about and give him a chance." That's what juvenile courts and probation officers and all that mean. The state is trying to mother the child into good citizenship.

Back in 1899 a babe was stolen from its mother in New York City. The papers were full of the story of the abduction, and when a strange woman appeared in a village thirty miles away with a babe in her arms, she was suspected. The daughter of a storekeeper got the daily paper with the babe's picture in it. "That's the baby sure," was the way she and others felt. The deputy sheriff was put on the scent, and away he started for a warrant, twelve miles away. Every farmer on the road was interested and ready to help; the whole country-side was alive with excitement. The father was sent for, and there wasn't a dry eye in the great throng as the little one put out its arms toward the father. On their return, at the Weehawken ferry, a great crowd had gathered to pay heartful welcome, and all the way from the ferry to his home

the carriage was followed by a happy, cheering crowd. "Marian Clark is found,"—the word went like magic and up flew windows and out popped heads all along the way, and in front of the Clark residence 5,000 people had gathered to welcome the baby's return, and then everybody wanted to see the mother with the baby in her arms, and they shouted, "Bring the baby to the window."

A chubby, golden-haired baby in its mother's arms, a tiny hand fluttering a salutation to the cheering multitude, a background of joyous faces in a gas-lit room, that was what that crowd saw that night in front of Mr. Clark's home. A thousand mothers, when they heard of the abduction, clasped their little ones more closely to their breasts and prayed to God for the babe's rescue—a thousand mothers clasped them more tightly still when they heard of her recovery, and thanked God that the child was found.

That's the spirit, the spirit of motherhood, the spirit of justice to the child that has gotten into the laws of the nations.

October 15, 1894, Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, of the 14th artillery, was arrested in Paris, and for fifteen days he lay in jail in ignorance of the charge against him. He was a Jew, and by the anti-Semitic papers Dreyfus was charged with treason. January 5, 1895, the prisoner was publicly degraded in the courtyard of the Ecole Militaire, and on February 9 was transported to Devil's Island. Madame Dreyfus made heroic efforts for her husband's release. Zola, the novelist, wrote an open letter, charging the staff offices with conspiracy, and daring the governmen to prosecute him for libel. France accepted the challenge and he was twice tried and twice convicted, and here are some things Zola said to the jury in his defense, February 21, 1898: "The Dreyfus case! ah, gentlemen, that has now become a very small affair. It is lost and far-away in view of the terrifying questions to which it has given rise. There is no longer any Dreyfus case. The question now is whether France is still the France of the rights of man, the France that gave freedom to the world, and that ought to give it justice," and then he continued, urging France to remember justice, to do justice. It was for justice that Emile Zola made his plea, and he closed like this: "Dreyfus is innocent! I swear it. I stake my life on it, my honor. At this solemn moment, in the presence of this tribunal, which is the representative of human justice; before you, gentlemen, who are the very incarnation of the country, before the whole of France, before the whole world, I swear that Dreyfus is innocent. By my forty years of work, by the authority that this toil has given me, I swear that Dreyfus is innocent. By the name I have made for myself, by my works which have helped for the expansion of French literature, I swear that Dreyfus is innocent. May all that melt away, may my works perish, if Dreyfus

be not innocent. He is innocent. All seems against me—the two chambers, the civil authority, the most widely-circulated journals, the public opinion which they have poisoned. And I have for me only the ideal,—an ideal of truth and justice. But I am calm: I shall conquer. I was determined that my country should not remain the victim of lies and injustice. I may be condemned here. The day will come when France will thank me for having helped to save her honor."

Zola was convicted, exiled, died, was buried, and his body exhumed, and on the 4th of June, 1908, reburied with honors in the national Pantheon, and France did then and there and will forever thank Emile Zola for having helped to save her honor.

Don't you remember when the farcical trial came to an end and on the 9th of September, 1899, Captain Dreyfus was convicted and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, how the world fairly shuddered. It was wrong, it was unjust. France felt it, the world felt it, and then came the reaction, and Dreyfus' acquittal and Zola resting forever in a nation's heart.

Tell not this people, or any people of successful wrong. The ages have taught us that the gain of injustice is loss, that its pleasure is pain. Iniquity may seem to prosper, but its success is its defeat and shame. The villain deceives himself. The oppressor, starving his brother's body starves his own soul, and at death creeps out from under his unjust gains, poor and naked and miserable. Justice with noiseless foot follows the wrong doer and at last gets his iron hands around his neck. Justice is the idea of God, the ideal of man, and the ideal is becoming actual. The justice of the perfectly just God is more and more being worked out through human law.

And the world is more humane than ever, as is emphatically evidenced by our criminal laws. Some of the offenses of the older days, such as heresy and witchcraft and nonconformity in religion are no longer known. It is not many generations since the prison was regarded merely as a place of detention, and the penalties for crime were death, mutilation, burying alive, whipping and other forms of torture. With culture and refinement came milder treatment.

And then it began to dawn upon men that graded terms might not be right, as a perfectly just scale of demerit could not be worked out, and if it could no human tribunal could apply it with equal and exact justice, and the indeterminate sentence has resulted. That means moral discipline and instruction, and if offenders prove amenable to it, they are released as evidencing ability to lead self-supporting lives. Reformation, not assent to the religious or moral standards of any man or group of men, but conformity to the thought and purpose and essential requirements of civil order, that's what I mean by reformation, and

that's what the state through its penal laws is, in the name of justice and humanity, trying to bring to pass. Present-day opinion is, that when any offender demonstrates that society is no longer in danger of any attack of any sort by him, he should be free. Keep the criminal until he is cured, and then let him go; that's the humane sentiment of the legislation of the day.

A decade ago there were low-browed critics who, with aspersions loud and foul, charged America with base and selfish motives in annexing Cuba and the Philippines. What had America ever done to justify such an indictment? Our fathers won liberty for themselves, and straightway flung wide their doors to the poor of every nation under the sun, and invited them to share the wealth of the new continent on equal terms with those who had won it by their treasure and their blood. But over the days and over the boys of 1898 history has unfurled the banner of "Man's love for his Fellowman." To him who walks over the fields of Waterloo and Balaklava comes the sad question: "What was it all about? Why did it have to be?" There's something martial about Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," but there's no massive logic back of the event. Of the 1,500 recorded battlefields few are the number that have a magnificent and all absorbing idea underneath their carnage. What has even famed Waterloo to tell? "Ought Napoleon to have won or lost every battle that he led?" is still an open question among students of events. Neither Wellington's nor Napoleon's soldiers knew for what they were marching and bleeding and dying. But every day from April 20, 1898, when America sent her ultimatum to Spain, to the capture of Manila on the 13th of August, was big with historic significance, its rhetoric glowing with justice for an enslaved people. The infantry charged, the cavalry dashed into the fray, the battleships thundered in the name of an enlarged liberty. When the war opened the Cuban and other Islanders were stranger serfs, but when the war closed they were brothers of freemen and were free.

> "Call the roll, Sergeant Time. Match the day if you can;
> Waterloo was for Britons—Manila's for Man."

Emancipate the Philippines, set Cuba free from Spanish rule and then turn them back again as subjects of Castilian hate? That would be to return a rescued man into the hands of a mob who seeks his life; to do that would be to re-shut and re-bolt dungeon doors on the prisoner who has been out reveling in a day in June; to do that would be to show a poor soul how beautiful is heaven and then turn him face about and march him straight to hell.

American patriotism took on heart and tone, and felt and said: "That policy is not American policy. Monroe shall not fetter McKinley.

1823 shall not lord it over 1898. Faneuil Hall, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and Gettysburg—1620, 1759, 1776, 1789, 1812, 1861, all our great epochal years, everything that's American in thought, American in association, or American in sentiment is against this unjust and cowardly policy." And then we shouted so that Cervera heard, and Havana heard, and Madrid heard, the world heard "Spain shall never again bedeck herself with these jewels of the sea." From that hour America took her place at the forefront of what is to be the world's controlling race, and he was right who said "the ultimate capital of the English empire of the future will not be on the banks of the Thames, but either at the mouth of the Hudson or on the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan." Let America keep even step with God and of the constellations she shall forever be the Central Sun.

"Your flag and my flag—
And how it flies today.
In your land and my land,
And half the world away.
Rose-red and blood-red,
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white—
The good fore-fathers' dream;
Sky blue and true blue, with stars to shine aright
The gloried guidon of the day, a shelter through the night."

Our fathers thought and wrought and fought; they conquered fate and circumstance, and achieved vast social treasure—treasures of field and factory and warehouse, where in all the world can you find their equal? Treasures of ideas and ideals—treasures of libraries and free schools and liberty. These are the true riches of a great civilization, and to pass the great treasure on to a generation of men illiterate in mentals or morals would be crime. Liberty of the big American sort can't live in an atmosphere of frivolous thinking and low morals. It is fatal to free institutions to foist ignorance and weakness and immorality into the judgment seal. It's wrong for the state to place its forceful tools into the hands of stupidity and vice. To create wealth, social or material, requires brain and heart, and it requires just as much brain and just as big a heart to administer it. No generation of men is qualified to inherit any institution that's big with destiny for the race whose forehead isn't on a level with its predecessor who conceived it and built it and passed it on. The primal duty of this era is to be too wise to waste, too just to impair the good things that have come down to us, and to pass them on richer and larger by our own contribution. We won liberty for Cuba and set her up in housekeeping and started her on her national career.

We won liberty for the negro, and in all history I know of nothing more splendid than the annals of southern chivalry since the war. They

have taxed themselves, paying out of their poverty 120 millions of dollars to help uplift the black man and give him a chance for life.

Humaneness, it's shown in our laws. March 3, 1873, this United States by act of the Congress, began caring for animals in transit by providing for rest, water and food. Laws have been enacted in all the states against cruelty to animals, and from the parent American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals founded in New York in 1886 hundreds of auxiliary organizations have sprung, until that field of humanitarian operation practically covers the whole country.

"Black Beauty," who does not love it? "Bob, Son of Battle," and "The Call of the Wild," who has not wept over them? What an abiding interest attaches to that classic of the late Charles Dudley Warner wherein he recites the experiences of a deer in the Adirondacks, chased by men and dogs over hill and dale, through pond and river, until at last, exhausted and crazed with fright, it rushes into the village, as if as a last resort to throw itself upon the mercy of man, only to be hooted at and shot. That's a story of the past—it could not happen today—hearts have grown to be hearts, and man has a tender care for everything that has life.

That story about Lincoln, we like to hear it; how, while riding across the prairie he got off his horse and extricated two little pigs that had gotten mired in the mud—emancipation, it was working in his blood. That story will be read and loved all through the coming years, while the exploits of the big game hunters in American mountains or African jungles will bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of coming generations. Men are coming to feel that the blood of the tiger ought to be breeded out of human veins.

A Russian tells how, when he was a boy of ten, his father took him one day bird-shooting. As they tramped across the brown stubble a golden pheasant rose with a low whirr from the ground at his feet, and with the joy of the sportsman he raised his gun and fired, wild with excitement, when the creature fell fluttering at his side. Life was ebbing fast, but the instinct of the mother was stronger than death itself, and with a flutter of her wings the mother bird reached the nest where her young brood was huddled, unconscious of danger. Then, with such a look of pleading and reproach that his heart stood still at the ruin he had wrought (and never to his dying day did he forget the feeling of guilt that came to him at that moment), the little brown head toppled over and only the dead body of the mother-bird shielded her nestlings. "Father, father," the boy cried, "what have I done?" as he turned his horror-stricken face to his father. But not to his father's eye had this tragedy been enacted, and he said, "Well done, my son, that was well done for your first shot, you will soon be a fine sportsman."'

"Never, father, never again shall I destroy any living creature. If this is sport, I will have none of it. Life is more beautiful to me than death, and since I cannot give life, I will not take it." That incident of his boyhood days awakened sentiments of mercy and kindness that colored all the writings of Turgeneff, the world-famed Russian novelist, and that same sentiment of mercy and kindness has gotten into the blood of countless men everywhere. There is an ever-increasing number who take more delight in seeing birds flying and studying their haunts than in bringing them down; more pleasure in watching the exquisite grace of the deer than in standing victor over its prostrate form while its pathetic and reproachful eyes glaze in death. This consideration of the rights of fowl and beast, is it not indicative of a larger manhood? must we not believe that this is a growing likeness to Him who marks the sparrow when it falls?

Brotherhood, the Brotherhood of Man, high and holy thought of High and Holy God, how fares it? A young man was employed on the New York Herald. As he was leaving his boarding-house one morning he saw a hearse standing in front of the adjoining house. "Who is dead?" asked he of his landlady. "Sure, I don't know," was her reply, and it was said with such a tone of indifference that it fell like a clod on the heart of the sympathetic young Georgian who from his youth had sorrowed in every grief coming into the family of a neighbor. As he started down to his office a little coffin was being borne down the steps, followed by a mother who was crying as if her heart would break. He turned to ask his landlady if she was going to the funeral, when she said, "Sure, it's none of my affair." Such seeming heartlessness made such an impression on that young men that he said to his wife, "Pack your trunks. I am going back to Georgia, where people have time to shed a tear with their neighbor when death removes their child, and where it is an affair of the whole neighborhood when grief invades the home. It is no home for us where our next-door neighbor is heart-broken and nobody cares about her grief." That young man got away from the confines that were jailing and limiting and crushing the very heart out of him; he made up his mind that he'd give his heart room to grow in even if he gave up his job; he was going to live while he lived where he could feel; sympathy was part of his manhood, and he was bound that it should have full chance for life and growth, and so he went back to his loved Georgia, and in speaking of Henry W. Grady, for it was he, John Temple Graves said, "No eloquence has equaled his since Sargent Prentiss faded from the earth; no pen has plowed such noble furrows in his country's fallow fields since the wrist of Horace Greeley rested; no age of the republic has witnessed such marvelous conjunction of a magic pen with the velvet splendor of a mellow tongue," and the brightest, most magnetic thing

about this favorite son of yonder sunny south was not his intellect, though that was enough to lead any man to fame; not his tongue, though from it flowed sentences of silver that chained and charmed all his hearers to his noble will; not these, but this: the heart of the man, the kindly feeling that he had for all; this it was that endeared him to all classes north and south. "His heart was the furnace where he fashioned all his glowing speech. Love was the current that sent his golden sentences pulsing through the world, and in the honest throb of human sympathy he found the anchor that held him steadfast to all things great and true."

A hundred years ago Italian cities were devastated with plagues, today they are as healthy as Paris or Denver. Who wrought the change and how was it done? From Constantinople to Venice John Howard took sail on an infected ship so that he might be arrested and confined in a lazaretto. He was arrested and he was confined and he traced the death-dealing plague to its source and, like a Knight Errant, he throttled it, and killed it, and its ravages were stayed. What made him do it? Brotherhood. "They have as much right to life and beauty and health and happiness and heaven as have I"—Brotherhood. Dark Africa is growing white under the bright light of advancing civilization. Why? Because that old Puritan soul, David Livingstone, faced thirty attacks of African fever and said to Stanley, "No, I'll not return; I'll not give up," and turned for the ninth time toward the headwaters of the Nile. Did he reach his goal? No, he died in a jungle, no white face near. Did he reach his goal? Yes, his last message, written with dying hand, "All I can add in my solitude is, may heaven's rich blessing come down on everyone who will help to heal this open sore of the world." That dying message reached the hearts of men on every shore, and they began to think and to act, and history tells us that during the next ten years Africa made greater advance than she had made in the previous ten centuries. Scotland, thou hast made the world rich!—thou hast given us John Knox, the fearless; thou hast given us Bobby Burns, who made Scotia's thistle to blossom into the flower of verse that has perfumed the universal air; thou hast given us great preachers, mighty pulpiteers like Chalmers and Guthrie and Begg; thou hast given us that Titan of the Trossachs, Thomas Carlyle, who battered cant and class and caste with an arm of steel; thou hast given us men who walked in light and talked with God; but the richest gift of all was the man who was born at Blantyre, March 19, 1813, and for thirty-three years flowered on Africa's burning sands. In incongenial soil, with his own hand and out of his own heart, David Livingstone planted God's oaks of Brotherhood, and now they're leafing and branching out and sheltering a race.

I am thinking of the stormy days of '63. I see a man single-handed and alone face hostile English hearts, and brave the mobs of the great English centers. In all the annals of eloquence I know not the equal of his mannificent performance. What matchless skill in choice of words! How astonishingly ready in repartee! turning the hiss of hatred into the cheer of sympathy. Before those turbulent mobs he stood and kept standing, until, voices stilled and hearts hushed, they heard his message—what was it? Freedom, Equality, Brotherhood. In Manchester and Glasgow and Edinburg and London and Liverpool in October of 1863, Henry Ward Beecher, with his own hands lifted the flag of the American Union from the gutter of British thought and ran it to the tip top of the pole and left it there, and when he set sail for his native shores he left the common people of England cheering. What did it all mean? The Brotherhood of Man.

Brotherhood, how it burst out of human hearts when Chicago burned in 1871 and at the Johnstown flood in May of '89—the Galveston horror of September of 1900, the bellowing of the storm, the onrush of the frenzied sea, the horrific carnival of the elements—we didn't see it but we felt it, the world felt it, and every man under every sky felt that every sufferer was his brother. And then came April 18, 1906, and our San Francisco hard by the western sea, is shaken off the world. The horror of it; the hell of it! for a moment every heart stopped beating, and then every man gathers all his manhood close 'round his heart and lets his heart, all of it go. Millions of money pour into the stricken city by telegram—train after train has the right of way as food and raiment and blankets hurry across the continent to the place of need. Lift up your head, O city by the Golden Gate! with bread enough and to spare in this fair land you shall not perish with hunger, for you belong and we belong, we all belong to one family whose Father's name is God. When the heart of the race flows like a river with love, even though it be for a single day, the race as a race can never be quite as small and selfish again.

Justice, humaneness, kindness, gentleness, the brotherhood of man, these are the big, essential things, and devoted hearts known and unknown are working these up through the crust to the crest of individual and communal life. It's in "Middlemarch" that George Eliot says: "The growing good of the world is greatly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is greatly owing to those who have lived hidden lives, and rest in unvisited tombs." So here's a health to the unnamed and unknown!

"What was his name? I do not know his name,
I only know he heard God's voice and came;
Brought all he loved across the sea,
To live and work for God—and me;
Felled the ungracious oak,
With horrid toil;
Dragged from the soil
The thrice-gnarled roots and stubborn rock;
With plenty filled the haggard mountain-side,
And when his work was done, without memorial died.
No blaring trumpet sounded out his fame,
He lived, he died, I do not know his name.

"No form of bronze and no memorial stones
Show me the place where lie his mouldering bones;
Only a cheerful city stands
Builded by his hardened hands;
Only ten thousand homes
Where every day
The cheerful play
Of love and hope and courage comes;
These are his monuments and these alone—
There is no form of bronze and no memorial stone.

"And I?
Is there some desert or some boundless sea
Where thou, great God of angels, wilt send me?
Some oak for me to rend, some sod
For me to break,
Some handful of thy corn to take,
And scatter far afield,
Till it in turn shall yield
Its hundredfold
Of grains of gold
To feed the happy children of my God?

"Show me the desert, Father, or the sea,
Is it thine enterprise, great God, send me.
And though this body lie where ocean rolls,
Father, count me among all faithful souls."

A motion was made by M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Wright that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Orator for his very excellent, eloquent and instructive oration; that he be requested to furnish a copy of his oration to the Grand Secretary that it be printed in the Proceedings.

The motion was adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT—Committee on Lodges U. D.

Bro. H. C. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, presented the report of his Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation would respectfully report that there have been presented to it for its consideration the dispensations and returns of ten lodges, which have worked under dispensation since the last annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and as a result of their labors, present the following report, to-wit:

Bellflower Lodge, U.D. Bellflower, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued March 6, 1908, by M.W. Bro. Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted March 14, 1908, by R. W. Bro. N. B. Carson, of Wade Barney Lodge No. 512, Bloomington, Illinois.

The record of work is as follows:

Number of petitions received	15
Number elected	14
Number rejected	1
Number initiated	14
Number passed	14
Number raised	14
Number named in dispensation	12
Number named in dispensation not signing charter	0
Number petitioning for charter	26

Whose names are as follows:

Joseph M. Jordan, Arthur F. Gooch, Arthur L. Flint, George Hatch Flint, George H. Flint, William C. Morgan, Charles W. Johnson, William T. Kitts, Cary B. Kirk, Louis L. McCreight, Edwin C. Crews, Jesse T. Poe, George M. Carson, Ralph O. Edwards, William A. Paullin, DeWitt R. Gooch Jr., Thomas Metcalf Wheeler, John H. Copenhaver, Isaac N. Rinehart, Charles A. Flint, William S. Bingham, Mayo Golden, Calvin H. Glardon, John J. Foster, Cora A. Parks, Andrew J. Johnson.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, your committee reviewed carefully the work of this lodge, and found the minutes had been kept in a very loose and imperfect manner, and that many errors had crept into the record work, and recommended that their dispensation be continued until the present session of the Grand Lodge, which was accordingly done. After reviewing the work of the

lodge for the past year we are pleased to say that there has been great improvement in the work, and manner in which the minutes have been kept; we therefore recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Bellflower Lodge No. 911.

Stellar Lodge, U.D. St. Francisville, Illinois.

A dispensation for this lodge was issued by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell, March 7, 1908, and the lodge was instituted March 27, 1908, by R.W. Bro. J. R. Ennis, D.D.G.M. 46th District.

The work of the lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	9
Number elected	9
Number rejected	0
Number initiated	8
Number passed	8
Number raised	8
Number named in dispensation	15
Number named in dispensation not signing for charter	0
Number petitioning for charter	30

Whose names are as follows:

John Gillespie, James M. Collison, William F. Jones, Charles W. Baker, Louis W. Jackman, Winfield S. Cluxton, Charles Burnett, John R. Brian, Clerance A. Hall, Robert J. McMurray, Charles E. Young, William C. Gillispie, Claud Green, William D. Nappier, Samuel H. Courter, John W. Brooke, Winfield S. Willhite, William A. Brian, James B. Brown, James Harley Ramsey, Edward Potts, Fred G. Buchanan, James H. Collison, Lyman Utter Brooke, Prentice R. Weeden, William F. Ball, William J. Daily, Harvey B. Fox, Clinton G. Beal, Forrest M. Denison.

The record of Stellar Lodge was carefully reviewed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and finding a number of irregularities, as well as violations of the Grand Lodge By-laws, the committee recommended that their dispensation be continued for another year. Your Committee now find that the record for the past year has been correctly kept, and finding no errors, we therefore recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Stellar Lodge No. 912.

Aaron Lodge, U.D. Chicago, Illinois.

A dispensation was granted by M. W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell on May 8, 1908. The lodge was instituted May 15, 1908, by R. W Bro. Harry W. Harvey, D.D.G.M., First District.

The work of the lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	61
Number elected	52
Number rejected	3
Number of petitions not acted on	6
Number initiated	50
Number passed	47
Number raised	46
Number named in dispensation	39
Number died	1
Number named in dispensation not signing for charter	8
Number petitioning for charter	76

Whose names are as follows:

Albert L. Maurice, Harry Leonard Lathe, Joseph B. McNitt, Andrew Custer Metzger, Charles Henry Burk, William Alonzo Lake, John J. Barnett, Frank Leadbeater Church, Charles Deutschmann, John Victor Borling, Wesley Eyer, George Wallin Bowen, William Albert Burns, Otto A. Gnewuch, William Albert Fraatz, Walter William Lackey, Allen George Schreiver, Arthur Stewart, Charles S. Stokie, Alfred Lickorish Winkless, Otto Banderob, Harry M. Kyle, Philip Waldorf, Grant Hamilton, Bennett Orrin Brown, Gale Bennett, William Dair, John Ault, Frank N. Hillis, Charles A. Pinney, Hiram David Eastman, Arthur Ellis Ames, William Taylor, Albert Luke Denman, William Coates, John Milne Murray, Adelbert Maurice Bassford, Robert James McElhaney, William Atkinson Garnett, Walter Wilson Rapp, Clarence Edgar Gardner, Fred Bertram Tedford, Robert Quait, George Washington Wright, Alfred Edward Erickson, Hugh Brown Craig, William Frederick Ellfeldt, Carl John Peterson, Frank Emil Paulson, Frank Arthur Davis, John Johnsen, Daniel Bailey, William Thompson Langton, Frankleing Joseph Higgason, George Edward LaMont, William Ferdinand Peterson, Henry Janes Chenoweth, Edward Husband, Fred George Wirsing, Homer Harding Stout, John Fritz Eyer, George Rolla Lunt, Charles Francis Thomas, Frederick William Sorgenfrei Jr., Allan Roy Steele, Arthur William Eklund, Arthur Frantz, Fred Wubbel Jr., John Henderson, David James Lewis, William Grover Murray, Friend Richard Eccles, Franklin Gifford Moore, Gilbert Alexander Sutherland, William Alexander Bradley, Thomas Henry Christy.

After a careful review of the records at the last session of the Grand Lodge, your committee found that errors were so numerous and glaring that had crept into the work, and that the minutes had been kept in such a loose and careless a manner, that they recommended that the dispensation be continued until the present session of the Grand

Lodge. Your committee find that the work of the lodge for the past year has been correctly done, and no errors whatever have crept into the record of the work; we therefore recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Aaron Lodge No. 913.

Republic Lodge, U.D. Chicago, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued on February 22, 1909, by M.W. Bro Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted February 26, 1909, by R.W. Bro. Albert Roullier, D.D.G.M., of the Third District.

The work of the lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	17
Number elected	15
Number rejected	0
Number not acted on	2
Number initiated	11
Number passed	10
Number raised	9
Number named in dispensation	43
Number named in dispensation, not signing for charter	0
Number petitioning for charter	52

Whose names are as follows:

William O. Peterson, Frederick Anson Brown, Parlane A. Macfarlane, William J. Strickland, Ernest L. Kreamer, Oscar C. Hayward, Roger T. Farley, Guernsey D. Nevius, Welles W. LaMoure, Arthur M. Dean, William A. Mills, Henry Oscar Wernicke, Hokan Roll, Frederick Louis Brown, W. H. Collins, C. E. Williams, Jackson M. Prentiss, Thomas Madill, A. C. Nelson, Charles F. Parker, Richard Mueller, Carl Weber Preston, Evan Pusey, Bertrand E. Grant, Charles L. Griswold, Charles E. Thurber, Alvin E. Bastien, Edwin V. Cory, David H. Miller, John H. Gilchrist, George Albert Gardner, George M. Bixby, Ralph L. Walker, Earl W. Newton, Evan Rees, Fred S. Orth, William T. McLain, Arthur William Irwin, Fred Mueller Jr., Julius Searing Taylor Jr., J. A. Davidson, William H. Ott, William Louis Wilson, Angus M. Frew, Daniel L. Trotter, C. W. Grant, Sidney S. Chisholm, Thaddeus O. Bunch, Herbert R. Lloyd, S. H. Waddle, Clyde L. Day, Edward L. Beattie.

The minutes of the lodge are very satisfactory, and your committee take pleasure in commending the Secretary for the correct and neat manner in which the records have been kept; we therefore recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Republic Lodge No. 914.

Sesser Lodge, Sesser, Illinois.

A dispensation was granted June 16, 1908, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted July 14, 1908, by R.W. Bro. W. M. Webster, D.D.G.M. of the Forty-Fifth District.

The record of work is as follows:

Number of petitions received	16
Number elected	12
Number rejected	4
Number initiated	12
Number passed	10
Number raised	10
Number named in dispensation	21
Number named in dispensation, not signing for charter	0
Number petitioning for charter	31

Whose names are as follows:

George W. Harris, Riley D. Webb, James A. Jones, Cassie B. Lewis, Noah Isom, Harvey A. Patterson, Camdon E. Murry, Edward E. Jackson, Jasper P. Isom, Bartley A. McBride, David G. Martin, Burley A. Murry, James D. Isom, Alison M. Gilliam, John B. Martin, John F. Allen, Lacy M. Mayett, Emmett M. Jones, Franklin H. Bailor, Emza E. Ward, William L. Allen, Lemuel B. Dawson, Harry P. Morgan, Charles E. Orr, George B. Gray, William Wood, Ohio C. Galloway, Edgar E. Cockrum, William E. Cockrum, John E. Jordan, Caras A. McBride.

The record of Sesser Lodge, U.D., was referred to your committee at the last session of the Grand Lodge, and showed so many errors, both in the record of work and imperfect manner in which the minutes were kept, that they recommended that their dispensation be continued until the present session of the Grand Lodge. We have again reviewed the record with the following result, to-wit: The record last year did not show the names of brethren who recommended candidates for the degrees, which is in violation of Part Two, Article 13, of the Grand Lodge By-laws, and they have made identically the same mistake during the present year. From Nov. 10, 1908, to Apr. 6, 1909, all stated meetings were called regular, in violation of Sec. 1, Article 4 of the Grand Lodge By-laws. At the meetings of February 9 and April 6, 1909, the substance of the petitions is not given. This is a violation of Section 1, Article 13, Grand Lodge By-Laws. The Worshipful Master failed in every instance to report to the lodge on the petition of candidates. Section 2, Article 13, Grand Lodge By-Laws. On May 11th, 1909, the lodge received the petition of a candidate for the degrees in Masonry

who had been rejected by another lodge, which is in violation of Section 6, Article 13, Grand Lodge By-Laws. June 16, 1909, shows that a F. C. was present when the lodge was opened on the third degree. In the face of the fact, that the lodge has made the same mistake in two instances that it made in the proceedings of last year, notwithstanding they were pointed out to them by your committee, we therefore recommend that the dispensation of Sesser Lodge, U.D., be again continued until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Jackson Park Lodge, U.D., Chicago, Illinois.

A dispensation for this lodge was issued June 8, 1909, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted June 12, 1909, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Beid, D.D.G.M. of the Fifth District.

The record of work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	38
Number elected	29
Number rejected	5
Number not acted on	4
Number initiated	14
Number passed	10
Number raised	10
Number named in dispensation	39
Number named in dispensation not signed for charter	6
Number signing petition for charter	43

Whose names are as follows:

Adam Schmidt, Walter E. Brickman, Wilbur B. Gibbs, Sophus Nepkin, John Curtis House, John Thomas Brown, William W. Badger, Charles Dougherty, John A. Fraser, Frank J. Lambert, William Brou, Frank Hulse, Walter T. Phelps, Jay A. Ferguson, Thomas A. Marsh, George E. McBride, Elburn N. Harding, Carl Frederick Lochner, George Howard Dick, Henry J. Laenhardt, Jacob F. Snook, Henry Fred Laub, Sebastian C. Ferguson, George Hannauer, James E. Allwroth, Victor Highland, Arthur N. Hislop, Oliver H. Donaldson, Herman M. Wright, Thomas C. Stidham, William Gibbs Hastie, Albert F. Schroeder, William Miller, Elmer E. Wilson, Carl V. Tunelius, Albert F. Lewnau, Joseph Rosa, Ruby R. Hawk, Jessa A. Nichols, David D. Kagy, James C. Barsaloux, John F. Downes, Lawrence C. Brown.

The record of this lodge has been kept very neat and precise, and shows that the work has been satisfactorily done. Your committee recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Jackson Park Lodge No. 915.

Ellwood Lodge, U.D., Ellwood, Illinois.

A dispensation for this lodge was issued November 7, 1908, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted November 19, 1909, by R.W. Bro. John B. Fithian, D.D.G.M., of the Seventeenth District.

The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	16
Number elected	14
Number rejected	1
Number not acted on	1
Number initiated	13
Number passed	12
Number raised	11
Number named in dispensation	19
Number named in dispensation not signing for charter	0
Number signing petition for charter	30

Whose names are as follows:

Bruce T. Harley, George N. Blatt, James C. Beattie, Elry G. Spangler, George J. W. Eib, Henry G. Williams, George Elmer Gurney, Daniel N. Blatt, George H. Bridge, Arno J. Gurney, Henry Bradley, W. T. Hood, Garland F. Blatt, Matthias Jensen, Frank States Sr., Elvis C. Noel, Albert M. Eib, Frederick Schweizer, Homer H. Wood, Alfred H. Blatt, James W. McIntyre, Edwin Hutchison, Arthur H. Williams, Fred W. Spangler, Albert H. Goodwin, Edward L. Wilson, Charles K. Smalley, Clarence E. Efner, Benjamin D. Jones, Frank R. Jones.

The minutes of this lodge are very unsatisfactory. They show a lack of neatness and a degree of carelessness that is inexcusable. The record shows profusion of expressions with little substance or sense. Everything is run together and hard to read. In no case does the record show that the fee was received with the petition, as required by Section 1, Article 13, Part Two, of the Grand Lodge By-Laws. But on the contrary the fee was received the night of the election of the petitioner. In one case where the applicant was rejected, the lodge voted to return the fee, while no record is made of its having been received, but erasures, interlineations and scratches appear on the minutes. Your committee therefore recommend that a charter be not granted and that the dispensation be continued in force until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Welcome Lodge, U.D., Chicago, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued June 15, 1909, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted June 19, 1909, by R.W. Bro. Robert R. Jampolis, D.D.G.M., of the Second District.

The work of this lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	18
Number elected	15
Number rejected	0
Number not acted on	3
Number initiated	13
Number passed	3
Number raised	3
Number named in dispensation	119
Number named in dispensation not signing for charter	2
Number signing petition for charter	120

Members names and what lodge late a member of:

Harry Wells Modlin, Standard Lodge No. 873; James Brewer Child, William B. Warren No. 209; Oliver Stangland, Standard Lodge No. 873; Abner Carlos Hammond Piper, Home Lodge No. 508; Felix William Trost, Standard Lodge No. 873; William Bell Van Sandt, Hofus No. 253, Cincinnati, Ohio; William Frederick Ulrich, William B. Warren No. 209; Edward Atchison St. John, William B. Warren No. 209; Delmar Jay Burlingame, LaGrange, Ill. No. 770; Henry Marcus Thompson, Standard Lodge No. 873; Herbert Llewelis Patterson, Standard Lodge No. 873; Henry William Pacius, William B. Warren No. 209, Joseph Henry MacDonald, Ancient Landmarks No. 319, Indianapolis; Edwin Sawyer Antisdale, William B. Warren No. 209; William George Haupt, William B. Warren No. 209; Herman Charles Kuhnke, Willam B. Warren No. 209; Joseph Albert Sparr, Apollo No. 642; Calvin Austin Croninger, Kalamazoo No. 22; Clarence Williamson, William B. Warren No. 209; William Justin Combs, Brighton Park No. 854; George Arthur Graves, William B. Warren No. 209; Roe Hall Cover, Pontiac No. 294; Henry Specht, Lakeside No. 739; Gottlieb Erhardt, Lakeside No. 739; Julius Yenner, William B. Warren No. 209; William Alonzo Child, Harvey No. 832; Theodore Christian Klotz, William B. Warren No. 209; Peter Debo, St. John Lo. No. 13; William Herbert Woodward, Hillsdale No. 32; Henry Edward Taylor, Apollo No. 642; Joshua Robert Higgins Potts, William B. Warren No. 209; Marvin Hale Beach, Wright Grove No. 779; Charles Edwin Lawson, Humboldt No. 813; George Harvey Place, William B. Warren No. 209; Louis Bader, John B. Sherman No. 880; Leonard Hodges Cobb,

Standard No. 873; Verna Roy Day, William B. Warren No. 209; Daniel Diederich Schroeder, Charter Oak No. 249, New York; Merl Mayo Printz, Newton Lodge No. 216; Charles Edward Potts, William B. Warren No. 209; George C. Koep, Richard Cole No. 697; William Martin Kratzenberg, Lakeside No. 739; Samuel W. Doberer, King David No. 68, Baltimore, Md.; Adolf Albert Bernartz, William B. Warren No. 209; Samuel Per Lee Reese, William B. Warren No. 209; William Wesscott Billings, King Hiram No. 12, Derby, Conn.; Henry Alvin Hetrick, Home Lodge No. 508; George William Loderhose, Palisades Local No. 478; James Edward Anderson Slater, William B. Warren No. 209; Roy Caldwell Hopgood, Morganfield No. 66, Morganfield, Ky.; Gustav Adolph Kirchwehn, Harvard No. 309; Clarence Wilfred Houger, Standard No. 873; James Hartick Boye, William B. Warren No. 209; Fred Bostick Height, William B. Warren No. 209; Arthur Charles Knecht, William B. Warren No. 209; William Sanford Goodell, Standard No. 873; Ervin Louis LeGros, Arcana No. 717; Oscar Peter Wodock, King Oscar No. 855; Albert Edward Simmon, Mamaro No. 653, Port Chester, N. Y.; J. Warren Stinson, Juneau No. 103, New Lisbon, Wis.; Daniel Bartholomew Feist, King Oscar No. 855; Rudolph Anton Merz, Palisades No. 478; Harry James Simpson, Kosmos No. 896; William Earl Wedlake, Standard No. 873; Otto Ernest Fischer, William B. Warren No. 209; Charles William Trayser, William B. Warren No. 209; Patrick Scanlan, William B. Warren No. 209; Soren Anton Jorgensen, William B. Warren No. 209; William Herman Marien, William B. Warren No. 209; Edward Campbell, Hesperia Local No. 411; Oscar Christian Johnson, William B. Warren No. 209; Frederick Justus Plaettner, William B. Warren No. 209; Frank Knoll, Palace No. 765; William Christopher Metcalf, Garden City No. 141; Charles Conrad Pacius, Arcana No. 717; John Henry Harper, William B. Warren No. 209; Louis William Grupe, William B. Warren No. 209; Joseph James Prusho, Lakeside No. 739; George Frank Dahlman, Columbian No. 819; Alfred August Ciha, Arcana No. 717; Wirt Dexter Addy, Kensington No. 804; James Andrew Marshall, Kilwining No. 149, Plymouth, Ind.; Eldon J. Hughes, Argus No. 399, Argus, Ind.; Frank L. Rissling, William B. Warren No. 209; John Alexander Cochrane, Kansas City No. 220, Kansas City, Mo.; Charles William Wright, Sabina No. 324, Sabina, Ohio; George Alfred Greaves, LaGrange No. 770; George Albyn Donnelly, St. James No. 74, St. Augusta, Ont.; Henry John Appel, William B. Warren No. 209; William Murray, William B. Warren No. 209; Fred William Leuthesser, William B. Warren No. 209; Will Martin Hills, Park Manor No. 899; Harry Flint, South Park No. 662; John Archibald Watson, Pomona No. 281, Michigan; Oscar Frederick Malmberg, William B. Warren No. 209; William Manning Hopkins, William

B. Warren No. 209; Ulysses Grant Hinman, Charleston Lodge No. 35; Jens Christian Peterson, William B. Warren No. 209; Leo Eugene T. Fick, William B. Warren No. 209; Charles Frederick Osborne, William B. Warren No. 209; Richard Montgomery Stuart, William B. Warren No. 209; Louis Kellan, William B. Warren No. 209; Clellie Todd Plumber, Mount Horbre No. 333, Fredericksburg, La.; John Stephen Harajian, Mystic Star No. 758; Ardnous Edwin Baker, Austin No. 850; James Wyman Roach, Welcome Lodge U.D.; Arthur Charles John Louis Moeller, Welcome Lodge U.D.; Anthony Augustus O'Neill, Standard No. 873; James Leckie Fulton, Standard No. 873; Alvin Hepler Kachel, America No. 889; James Jacob Debo, Welcome Lodge U.D.; Herman Larson, Standard No. 873; Percival Herbert Smith, Mizpah No. 768; John Joseph Schulgen, Hesperia No. 411; Gailon Harry Stinson, Warner Lodge No. 50, Jeffersonville, Vermont; Charles Brinkmann, William B. Warren No. 209; Henry George Redick, Park Lodge No. 843; Casper Gerhardt Lude, William B. Warren No. 209; Samuel Jerome Wilcox, Mystic Star No. 758; Arthur Lewis Malow, Standard No. 873.

The record of this lodge is very full and complete, and it gives your committee pleasure to recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Welcome Lodge No. 916.

Concord Lodge, U.D., Chicago, Illinois.

A dispensation for this lodge was issued June 25, 1909, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted July 1, 1909, by R.W. Bro. Harry W. Harvey, D.D.G.M., of the First District.

The work of the lodge is as follows:

Number of petitions received	21
Number elected	16
Number rejected	0
Number not acted on	5
Number initiated	12
Number passed	10
Number raised	10
Number named in dispensation signing for charter	25
Number not signing for charter	6
Number signing petition for charter	29

Whose names are as follows:

William Furman Moore, William Gaston Aller, Charles Benjamin Walters, Francis Bernier Laramie, Charles Gohl, Benjamin Walter Fogg, Henry Madson, Jacob J. Englehart, Charles A. Spetz, Oscar

Theodore Spetz, Frank Moore, Roscoe Crum Clark, John H. Davis, Martin Larsen, John Deforest Tower, Ira Setter Gillan, Adolph R. Brandt, Robert Hartney, Ralph Sheridan Rowley, Benjamin William Carson, Zephere Guy Tatro, Alonzo Marshall Hoopes, Anson Boyd Timmons, D. Webb Jones, Matthew Nick Funk, Gustav Charles Seyberlich, George Eby Carr, Albert Orlando Scholes, George Orlie Marlatt.

The record of this lodge has been kept in a very clear and satistory manner, giving the full information necessary and showing the work to have been well done. Your committee recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge as Concord Lodge No. 917.

Cottonwood Lodge, U.D., Cottonwood, Illinois.

A dispensation was issued April 9, 1909, by M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell. The lodge was instituted April 16, 1909, by R.W. Bro. I. A. Foster, D.D.G.M., of the Forty-seventh District.

The record of work is as follows:

Number of petitions received	6
Number elected	5
Number rejected	1
Number initiated	5
Number passed	5
Number raised	5
Number named in dispensation not signing for charter	1
Number signing petition for charter	19

Whose names are as follows:

George Nelson Harris, Daniel Arthur Bryant, Edgar M. Lasater, James Blazor Bryant, William Edward McGuire, Charles Bayley Williams, James B. Hale, William Winder Williams, William C. Williams, Rank Logan Pearce, James S. Pearce, William Franklin Lanham, James M. Lasater, Walter Bennett Weas, Grover Bagby, Henry Oral Smith, Elvis Mercer Smith, Lee Mills, Ulysses Grant Melton.

This lodge failed to comply with Section 12, Article 23, Part Two of the Grand Lodge By-laws, which clearly states that "Every lodge under dispensation shall make its returns to the Grand Lodge on or before the first day of September next succeeding the date of its dispensation, and shall transmit therewith its letter of dispensation, a copy of its by-laws, and a record of its proceedings."

Their failure to comply with section 12, Article 23 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws by sending only a copy of their record, which was in

no way certified to, makes its obligatory on the part of your committee to recommend that a charter be withheld, and that their dispensaion be continued until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge, it is with a commendable degree of pride that we come to you to report the degree of progress made by the craft of Illinois working under dispensations, and to be able to say that the work for the past year has in the main been done in a very satisfactory manner, and that the lodges U.D. that are being born into this Grand Lodge are vastly superior to those of a few years ago.

Your committee have found it necessary at this time to reject only four of the lodges applying for a charter, but we can say for those rejected, that a few years ago three of them would have been accepted without question. But as we have so often said to you, that we believe in progress, and that we are setting higher each year, the standard of Freemasonry in Illinois. We do not want to be like the bird who builds her nest the first time as well as she ever does. We are intellectual beings, and capable of growth.

Brethren, you know the old adage teaches us, that there is no excellence without labor, and our progress in Masonry will be commensurate with the amount of labor we put into it. The flower that grows wild by the roadside is beautiful, but when nurtured and cultivated by the skilled hand of the gardener, it becomes a thing of exceeding beauty. The diamond when dug from the bowels of the Earth is only an ordinary looking stone, that anyone not familiar with it in its crude state, might throw away, but when it comes from the hand of the polisher, it is a thing of rare beauty. Some one has said there is an angel in every piece of white marble, and that it only needs the touch of the sculptor's hand to fashion it.

So it is with Freemasonry, if we would develop its beauties we must put into it a high degree of excellence and labor. Brethren, it is only possible for us to set for you, high ideals; but it remains for you to bring the work to that high standard.

H. C. Mitchell,
I. H. Todd,
John Johnston,
M. B. Iott,
J. W. Hamilton,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Finance.

Bro. S. O. Spring presented the report of the Committee on Finance.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of the State of Illinois:

Your Finance Committee fraternally reports that it has examined the books and accounts of the R.W. Grand Secretary and R.W. Grand Treasurer and find the same to have been kept in a systematic, accurate and comprehensive manner; that all moneys due the M.W. Grand Lodge have been received, properly entered of record and duly paid over to the R.W. Grand Treasurer as provided by law; that the R.W. Grand Treasurer has fully accounted for all the funds and property for which he is responsible; that the reports submitted to this annual communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge by these officers, respectively, are a true exhibit of their official transactions during the past year; that the cash balances as reported are on deposit in the State Bank of Chicago, and the securities as reported have been inspected and found to be in conformity with the report of the R.W. Grand Treasurer in every particular.

Your Committee desire to express their approval of the manner in which the duties of the R.W. Grand Treasurer and R.W. Grand Secretary have been performed, and the perfect condition in which their books and accounts are kept, entitling them to the fraternal consideration of their brethren of this jurisdiction.

A synopsis of the financial condition of the M.W. Grand Lodge is shown by the following condensed exhibit taken from the report of the R.W. Grand Treasurer:

GENERAL FUND.

Cash Balance October 5, 1908		$ 43,779.30
Cash received from R.W. Grand Secretary		56,445.40
Total		$100,224.70
Credit by mileage and per diem orders	$19,704.10	
Credit by salaries Grand Officers	4,900.00	
Credit by miscellaneous orders	22,023.16	
Cash balance to credit General Fund	53,597.44	
Total		$100,224.70

CHARITY FUND.

Cash balance October 5, 1908		$ 31,396.72
Cash received from R.W. Grand Secretary		38,036.64
Total		$69,433.36
Credit by orders paid since last report	$37,924.59	
Cash balance to credit Charity Fund	31,508.77	
		$69,433.36

MASONIC ORPHAN HOME FUND.

Cash balance October 5th, 1908		$ 10,504.77
Cash received from R.W. Grand Secretary		14,028.00
Total		$24,532.77
Credit by vouchers paid since last report	$ 2,224.54	
Cash balance to credit of Ill. Masonic Orphan Home Fund	22,308.23	
Total		$24,532.77

HOME FOR THE AGED FUND.

Cash balance, October 5, 1908		$ 2,773.44
Cash received from R.W. Grand Secretary		420.00
Total		$ 3,193.44
Credit by vouchers paid since last report	$ 2,041.82	
Cash balance to credit of Masonic Orphans' Home Fund	1,151.62	
		$3,193.44

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Cash balance, October 5, 1908	$204.55
Cash received from R.W. Grand Secretary	60.65
	$265.20

CREDIT.

No vouchers paid during year.	
Cash balance to credit Masonic Home Fund	$265.20

Your Committee find the par value of investment securities in the several funds to be as follows at this date:

In Charity Fund	$11,800.00
Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund	82,500.00
In Illinois Home for Aged Fund	10,500.00
In Illinois Masonic Home Fund	1,000.00
	$105,800.00

SUMMARY.

Bonds and securities on hand all funds	$105,800.00
Cash on hand all funds	108,831.26
Total assets in Treasury	$214,631.26

Your Committee finds that the Board of Trustees in charge of the Masonic Homes holds an unexpended cash balance from appropriation made for the maintenace of the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan of Eighty-Nine and 71/100 Dollars ($89.71), also an unexpended cash balance of $280.97, from an appropriation made for the maintenance of the Masonic Orphans' Home, which balances, we recommend be returned to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the Charity Fund from which they were drawn.

For the maintenance and support of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago during the coming year, your Committee recommends an appropriation be made from the Charity Fund of $12,000, and for the maintenance and support of the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan during the coming year that an appropriation be made from the Charity Fund of $24,000, said amounts to be paid to said Board of Trustees in equal semi-annual installments beginning October 15, 1909, itemized reports of the disbursements thereof to be submitted to the M.W. Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

We also recommend that the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Homes be authorized to proceed with the erection of a permanent fire-proof building, for the use of a Masonic Orphans' Home, to be located on the site recently acquired for that purpose at LaGrange, Illinois, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000).

Your Committee further recommend that an appropriation of $75,000 be made from the funds in the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund, and the Home for the Aged Fund, which are in excess of $57,000, being the amounts reserved by deeds of trust, and the balance of the $75,000 from the unappropriated funds in the Charity and General Funds —such appropriation to be paid in amounts of not over $10,000 each, which may become necessary and as the work progresses.

Your Committee recommends a continuance of the appropriation each month of $150 from the Charity Fund in payment of the rental of premises in Chicago temporarily occupied by the Masonic Orphans' Home.

Your Committee also recommends that for the ensuing year the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Homes be authorized to expend the annual rental of the farm, consisting of 224 acres, at Sullivan, amount-

ing to $1,120, in improvement of the same and submit a report of such expenditures at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further recommends that appropriations be made from the General Fund to defray the proper expenses of the M.W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, as follows, to-wit:

For mileage and per diem of officers, representatives and Committees	$20,000.00
For printing and distributing proceedings	3,200.00
For miscellaneous printing	1,000.00
For salaries of Grand Officers	5,000.00
For Schools of Instruction	1,200.00
For miscellaneous expenses	5,600.00
Total	$36,000.00

Your Committee further recommends that orders be drawn upon the General Fund for the following expenses, to-wit:

Bro. Edward Cook, Committee on Correspondence	$ 500.00
Bro. A. H. Bell, for clerk and stenographer's services	500.00
Bro. C. S. Gurney, services as Grand Tyler	100.00
Bro. C. S. Gurney, sundry expenses	57.45
Bro. C. S. Gurney, washing aprons	45.88
Bro. Z. T. Griffin, stenographic service	50.00
Bro. Geo. A. Stadler, Deputy Grand Secretary	25.00
Bro. Ralph Wheeler	30.60
Medinah Temple Association, rent	300.00
	$1,608.93

Your Committee further recommends that the action of the M.W. Grand Master in drawing an order in favor of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home at Sullivan for the sum of $5,000 to be used for the maintenance of the Home during balance of the year, be approved.

Your Committee also recommends that the R.W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to dispose of such securities in the Charity Fund and the Illinois Masonic Home Fund from time to time as may be necessary to pay the appropriations, which may be made at this session from those funds, after the present cash balances have been exhausted,—retaining securities to the amount of $49,000 in the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home Fund, and $8,000 in the Illinois Home for Aged Fund, unless the same is released by the corporations from which these funds were obtained.

Your Committee approve of the resolution offered by Bro. R. T. Spencer, providing for printing the portrait of our deceased brother, Loyal L. Munn, in the proceedings, and recommend its adoption.

Your Committee further submits the following recommendations:

1st. That the members of the several Committees in attendance upon this annual communication be allowed and paid $3 per day for each day's service rendered, in addition to the compensation provided by the by-laws.

2nd. That your Committee be authorized to destroy the paid orders drawn during the past year upon the R.W. Grand Treasurer, same having been properly accounted for in issue and payment.

Fraternally submitted,

S. O. Spring,
N. N. Lampert,
T. A. Stevens,
Com. on Finance.

On motion it was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Juri prudence.

M.W. Bro. Edward Cook, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the report of this Committee, as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report upon the several matters referred to it in the distribution of the items contained in the address and report of the M.W. Grand Master, as follows:

Dispensations Issued and Denied.

We concur in what the M.W. Grand Master said and approve what he did as shown by his report for the year 1908 under above heading.

Corner-Stones.

Your Committee is of opinion that the whole subject of accepting invitations to lay corner-stones may be safely left with the M.W. Grand Master. To lay corner-stones of Masonic and other public structures is a power vested in him by the constitution and should, and we believe will be, exercised by him, with an eye single to the best interests of the craft. We suggest that care be taken to ascertain that such invitations

emanate from the proper authorities and recommend that no stone be laid unless the authorities are willing to have the inscription thereon show that it was laid by the Masonic fraternity, and the date upon which it was laid and that no corner-stone be laid with Masonic ceremonies without such inscription. We do not regard the name of the person officiating as an essential part of such inscription.

The Liquor Question.

Masonic discipline deals with individuals and takes cognizance of infractions of civil and moral law on the part of its members; it does not legislate for classes or vocations. We think there can be no question as to the soundness of the decision of the M.W. Grand Master in holding the by-law of Clinton Lodge No. 19, in so far as it related to the sale of liquor, wholly void.

A constituent lodge cannot, in the judgment of your Committee, by legislation make that unlawful which is neither unlawful nor unmasonic under the laws of the state or the laws of this Grand Lodge.

"How to Vote on a Motion to Suspend."

In discussing the question of "How to Vote on a Motion to Suspend," the Grand Master reaches the conclusion that although the vote is taken in a manner contrary to the law, the verdict should stand, if the facts warrant the suspension, and no one present objects.

We think that this decision tends to lessen a strict obedience to the written law and for that reason we do not approve of it.

We would not exalt the letter over the spirit of the law, but we believe that when the letter as well as the spirit can be carried out, both should be observed, and that the more rigidly the letter of the law is enforced the sooner its spirit will be understood and the more rapidly the ignorance of the law of which the Grand Master so fully and justly complains, will disappear.

We are of the opinion that when a sentence of suspension for nonpayment of dues has been reached by a vote taken in a manner contrary to law, and the Grand Master's attention is called to the irregularity within ninety days, he should instruct the Master of the lodge to declare the action, suspending the accused, illegal and direct the Master to have the vote taken in accordance with law.

The Philadelphia Conference.

While this Committee is able to agree as to some of the recommendations of the conference and might be able to agree as to all of

them, it feels that the matters are so important and the subject so large that we cannot give it the consideration it should receive in time to report at this session. The drafting of several amendments is likely to be involved and the committee that disposes of this subject should be able to deal with it with due deliberation. We therefore ask that this item be left with the Jurisprudence Committee to be reported upon by it at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

EDWARD COOK,
WM. B. WRIGHT,
C. E. ALLEN,
H. A. SNELL,
Committee.

Brother Cook moved that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be adopted.

An amendment was offered that all that was said in the Grand Master's report touching the question "How to vote on a motion to suspend" be substituted for the report of the Committee, as expressing the views of the Grand Lodge on this question.

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

The report as amended was then adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Holland.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on Correspondence to whom was referred the following resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois formally recognize the Grand Lodge of Holland (Groot Oosten der Netherlander) and request an exchange of representatives, thus aiding to preserve and strengthen the fraternal relations between those grand bodies,

Having had the same under consideration, would fraternally report, that in view of the fact that on a former occasion this Committee reported that the Grand Orient of the Netherlands (Groot Oosten der Nederlander) and the Grand Lodge of Holland are two expressions for one and the same thing, and that this body has no features allying it

with the Grand Orient system except the name, and in view of the further fact that by action already taken by this Grand Lodge its constituent lodges are permitted to admit visiting brethren hailing from lodges holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Holland, after satisfying themselves of the visitors' individual qualifications, and in view of the still further fact that we have the authority of Robert Freke Gould's History of Freemasonry for the statement that the lodges which constitute the Grand Lodge of Holland are descended from the Grand Lodges of the British Isles and have not allied themselves with any of the irregular Orients we are of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Illinois may consistently with its previous record recognize the Grand Lodge of Holland, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following, viz.:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. and A.M., regards the Grand Lodge of Holland (Groot Oosten der Nederlander) as a regular and sovereign body of A.F. and A.M. and believes that our Grand Master may at his discretion properly enter into correspondence and an exchange of representatives therewith.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD COOK, *Committee.*

Chicago, Oct. 12, 1909.

The report was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries, through its Chairman, R.W. Bro. C. H. Thompson, presented the report of that Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Illinois:

Another mile stone in the journey of life is passed, and as we pause for a brief period to pay loving tribute to the memory of our brothers who have been ushered through the "Gates of Pearl," let us take to ourselves the lessons learned from their lives, and take heed lest we fail to pass the Master's Square when our work on earth is ended.

We are met, in full possession of all the attributes of vigorous manhood, and apparently unmindful that the morrow may bring us the summons "to join the innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm." Let us remember that the uncertainty of death is only as to time. Let us not be unmindful of our obligations to our fellowmen and in all things, act upon the square.

Let us be faithful in the discharge of our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves, so that in age, when the sun of our life is sinking behind the mists that betoken an endless night, we can lay aside the burdens of life in the full consciousness that our duty has been done.

Let us who survive these, our well beloved brethren, be more closely bound in the ties of fraternal union and friendship, and in the short space allotted to us wisely and usefully employ our time, for

"To our faith and hope is given,
When Time and Death itself shall die,
A brighter world, a purer heaven—
Not yet revealed to mortal eye.
Thither with all our hopes ascending,
May every thought and act be tending."

FOREIGN GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

From sixteen Foreign Grand Jurisdictions are reported twenty Past Grand Officers who have harkened to the call of Father Time.

Francis Marion Zuck, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona, laid down the burdens of life June 16, 1909. Brother Zuck was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1838. Removed to Iowa in 1850, where he remained until twenty years of age, when he removed to Wayne county, Indiana, engaging in the merchandising business. At the beginning of the Civil War he returned to Iowa, enlisting in the 3rd Iowa Volunteer's, serving until late in 1863, when he was honorably discharged. In 1882, with his family he removed to Holbrook, Arizona, where he resided until his death.

In 1889 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and in 1902, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona. At the time of his death he was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas near the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

James W. Null, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died at his home in Little Rock, Ark., August 3, 1909. Brother Null was born in Noble county, Ohio, November 6, 1865, was made a Mason in Naval Lodge No. 4, District of Columbia, and upon his removal to Little Rock, affiliated with Western Star Lodge No. 2. He was appointed Grand Tyler in 1907.

Melvin Edwards, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, received the summons of the Grim Reaper, August 4, 1909. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1850. At the age of twenty-four he removed to Colorado, and when, in 1876 Colorado was admitted to the Union as a state, became prominently identified with politics, serving one term in the legislature, and two terms as Secretary of State.

Brother Edwards was made a Mason in Denver Lodge No. 5, May 5, 1891, was Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge 1905-06, Grand Orator in 1907, and was appointed Grand Lecturer September 22, 1908.

Henry Orange Warner, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, left this earthly tabernacle May 8, 1909. Brother Warner was made a Mason April 18, 1865, passed through the various chairs of his lodge, and was elected its Master, December 20, 1870, serving in that capacity for five years. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1894 and again in 1895, serving with great distinction. The Masonic Home, in which he was greatly interested was dedicated during his second term, and he was elected its vice-president. As a citizen he was respected and honored, and was ever faithful in the discharge of his duties.

James Lewis Gould, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, passed from this earthly to the Celestial Grand Lodge, January 26, 1909. Brother Gould was raised to the sublime degree December 31, 1851, in St. John's Lodge No. 3, of Bridgeport, Conn., and throughout his long career as a Mason was loyal and active. He became Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge in 1865, was advanced through the various stations, and elected Grand Master in 1871. He was a graduate of Yale law school in the famous class of 1853, but for many years his time was devoted to newspaper work, and as a writer on Masonic subjects.

William E. Anderson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, died at his home in Pensacola, Florida, November 12, 1908, at the age of seventy-five years. Brother Anderson was made a Mason in Talladega Lodge No. 261, later affiliating with Escambia Lodge No. 15, of which he was Master from 1867 to 1877, and again in 1891. In 1881 he was elected to the exalted position of Grand Master, serving two years. His Masonic service was long, useful, and marked for its activities, energy and wisdom. He lived an exemplary life, full of loving and gentle personality and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Simeon Stevens Johnson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was called to his final reward January 19, 1909. Brother Johnson was born in Athens, Vermont, July 27, 1836, removed to Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1856, where he prepared himself for admission to the bar. He was made a Master Mason in Clark Lodge No. 40 in 1866, and was its Worshipful Master for ten years, and for a great number of years prior to his death, was its secretary. In 1898 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The Masonic order of Indiana compliments itself that it has so generously awarded him its honors, for he

won them by his skill and loyalty, and he honored them with his devotion to the craft and his dignity and worth as a man and a Mason.

Rufus Easton Anderson, Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, died in Palmyra, July 27, 1909. Brother Anderson had made his mark as a distinguished jurist and brilliant orator, and took an active part in the affairs of the state where he was born, lived and died. He was made a Mason in Palmyra Lodge No. 18, in 1859, served as its Worshipful Master in 1862, was appointed Grand Orator in 1863 and 1864, was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1865-6, passed through the various offices to the exalted position of Grand Master, to which he was elected in 1873. For the past five years he was chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. As one of the most brilliant writers and forceful orators in Masonic bodies, he ever hewed to the line of his own convictions of right.

Joseph J. Couch, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, departed this life February 10, 1909, after an active Masonic career of nearly fifty years. Brother Couch was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 201, in 1859, served as its Master five years, was elected a Commissioner of Appeals in 1876, and Grand Master in 1877. He was of unquestioned ability, unsullied integrity, pure in thought, word and deed. It may well stand as the crowning glory of his life, that, while widely known and greatly honored abroad, he was most loved and venerated at home.

Bradner D. Slaughter, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was called from his labors on earth to eternal refreshment in the paradise of God, May 8, 1909. He was born November 17, 1844, in Wayne county, New York. Brother Slaughter was made a Mason in Capitol Lodge No. 3, Omaha in 1882, and became a charter member of Cedar River Lodge No. 89, Fullerton, Nebraska, of which lodge he was a member at the time of his death. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge from June 19, 1891, to June 17, 1892. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties to God, his country, his family, his neighbor and himself.

Henry Brown, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, passed away April 4, 1909. Brother Brown was born November 24, 1824, near Goshen, Ohio. Was made a Mason February 15, 1851, in Lebanon Lodge, Lebanon, Ohio. He was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, June 14, 1859, serving one year. His life was full of good thoughts, words and deeds. He was an ardent and faithful Mason and a Christian gentleman.

William Burr Childers, the Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, died March 3, 1908. He was born in

Pulaski, Tennessee, March 20, 1854, was educated in Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., from which he graduated with honor. He located in Albuquerque N. M., becoming a prominent member of the bar, and closely identified with the interests of the community in which he lived. Brother Childers was made a Mason in Occidental Lodge No. 163, St. Louis, Mo., dimitting to become a charter member of Temple Lodge No. 6, at Albuquerque, and was its first Worshipful Master. In 1882 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and Grand Master in 1883, fulfilling the duties of these offices to the fullest satisfaction of his brethren.

Elias Elwell Day, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, passed away May 31, 1908. Brother Day was born in Gloucester, Mass., March 25, 1863. His Masonic career was brilliant. He was made a Master Mason in 1892, elected Worshipful Master in 1894-5-6, was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1896, Senior Grand Warden in 1897, Deputy Grand Master in 1898, and Grand Master in 1899. He was associated with every active interest; enterprises large and small—social, educational and political, and was always in the midst of things giving his best thought to the welfare of his adopted home. New Mexico loses a man whose distinguishing traits have left their indelible mark.

Fabius Haywood Busbee, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died in the city of Seattle, Washington, away from home and loved ones, August 28, 1908, where he had gone to attend a meeting of the American Bar Associaton. While still a mere boy he left college to enlist in the Confederate service, serving until the end of the war, after which, he resumed his studies at the University, from which he graduated with highest honors. Brother Busbee was made a Mason in 1871, becoming deeply interested in Masonic work and was called upon to fill important stations in his lodge. His zeal for the welfare of the order was recognized by the Grand Lodge, and he was elected to the office of Grand Master in 1885 and 1886. For several years before his death he was chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. He was in love with life and deeply interested in all that tends to a noble manhood, ever ready to join any movement for the material progress of his community and the betterment of humanity.

William Moore Cunningham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, departed this life August 16, 1909. Brother Cunningham was the oldest Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of which he had been an active and distinguished member for over fifty years. He was raised to the sublime degree May 25, 1850, was Worshipful Master of Newark Lodge No. 97 in 1859-60, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge

in 1874, Deputy Grand Master in 1875-76, and Grand Master in 1877 and 1878. He was appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in 1885, holding the position continuously until his death. He was one of the best known writers on Masonic subjects in the world, and as such was a recognized authority. His death will prove a distinct loss to that band of devoted writers who are laboring to unify the system of Masonry in all countries where our institution exists. In his every day life he was genial and cordial, pleasant and considerate, and thoughtful of the happiness of others.

Jacob Mayer, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, laid down the burdens of life December 31, 1908. He was born in Germany May 7, 1826, came to America in 1842, locating for a time in New Orleans. In 1850 he removed to San Francisco, where he received the Master Masons degree, and served as Worshipful Master of La Parfaite Lodge No. 17. After his removal to Portland, he affiliated with Williamette Lodge No. 2. Brother Mayer was elected Grand Treasurer in 1881, serving four years, and in 1888 was elected Grand Master, serving the Grand Lodge with marked ability.

John Charles Davis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, was killed in a wreck near Dotsero, Colorado, January 15, 1909. Brother Davis was born in Ireland, March 14, 1852, came to this country at an early age, locating at Rawlins, Wyoming, where he became associated with the Hugus & Company Stores and Banking Association, of which he was head and general manager at the time of his death. He was made a Master Mason in Rawlins Lodge No. 5. He was elected Grand Master in 1892, in which office he served with distinction.

John S. Taylor, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, died in office, December 21, 1908. He was born in England in 1870, and came to America in 1888, locating in Nebraska, where he remained four years. In 1892 he removed to Wyoming, locating in Sheridan, of which city he was mayor at the time of his death. Brother Taylor was made a Mason in Sheridan Lodge No. 8, March 11, 1898, and was elected Deputy Grand Master in September of last year. He had attended a meeting of the Consistory in Cheyenne but a few days before his death, returning to his home with reason dethroned, and wandered through snow and ice to a field outside the city where his lifeless body was found three days later. He had been so closely identified with the growth of his city and its institutions, that he will be sadly missed.

George of Joannovics, the Venerable Grand Master of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary, entered into eternal rest January 10, 1909, after forty-two years of active Masonic service. We regret that details of his life as a man and a Mason are not available for this report.

Edmund Preston McQueen, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died August 14, 1909, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. Brother McQueen was a native of Georgia; removed to Tennessee in early youth, and was educated at Newport, Loudon, and the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville. He was a lawyer by profession, and was actively engaged in practice until failing health compelled his retirement. He was made a Master Mason in Tennessee Lodge No. 204, at Loudon, Tenn., January 6, 1873. In 1889 he was elected Worshipful Master, and in 1903 was elected M.W. Grand Master. His careful, energetic and able work as Grand Master, his entire life of love and devotion to duty, his record as a Christian gentleman and as a Mason, stand in lasting witness that the unanimous expression of confidence and esteem by his Masonic brethren was an honor well deserved.

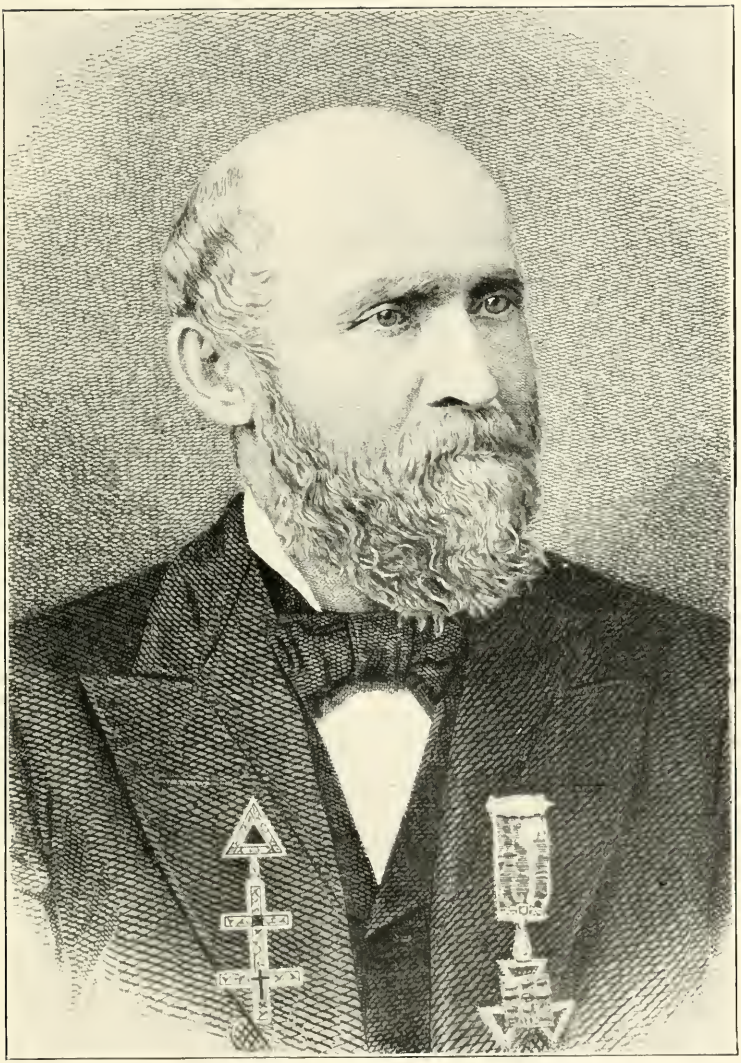
ILLINOIS.

In our own jurisdiction, sad havoc has been wrought by the "all-devouring scythe of time," and many of our brethren have

"Passed beyond the mists that bind us here."

Loyal Levi Munn, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, passed away at his home in Freeport, Illinois, November 23, 1908, aged seventy-nine years. Brother Munn was born in the state of New York, September 1, 1829, came to Freeport June 6, 1846, where he continuously resided until his death. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Excelsior Lodge No. 97, October 27, 1853; was a charter member of Moses R. Thompson Lodge No. 381, which afterwards consolidated with Excelsior Lodge No. 97, in which he served as Worshipful Master for several years. In 1881 Brother Munn was elected Grand Secretary, serving for twelve years. His strong personality and his cheerful disposition won for him the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. We may well emulate the example of his noble life, his unfeigned piety to God, and his inflexible fidelity to every trust.

Joseph Robbins, Past Grand Master, and for more than forty-five years a conspicuous figure in this Grand Lodge, passed through the portals of the Celestial Grand Lodge into immortal life and light July 19, 1909, after an illness of many months' duration which was borne with that fortitude and sturdiness which characterized his long and useful life. Brother Robbins was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, September 12, 1834, of parent which were descended from that band of sturdy pilgrims which landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620. He attended school in Melrose, Mass., until the age of sixteen, when he learned the trade



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of house-painting. In 1858 he came to Quincy, Illinois, to study medicine in the office of an uncle, remaining one year. In 1859, he went to Philadelphia, and entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating therefrom in 1861, when he returned to Quincy and began the active practice of medicine, in which profession he was deeply interested and became very prominent. He was active in the city, county, and state medical societies, and stood high in the councils of the American Medical Society, a national organization. For many years he was a member of the Quincy Board of Education and a director of the Quincy Free Public Library, giving largely of his time and energy to their welfare. He was active in politics, and was a leader in county, congressional and state conventions. In all things he was thoroughly and genuinely on the square. No word or deed of his was ever of such a character as to raise any semblance of doubt regarding his motives or intentions. He harbored no ill will toward anyone, carried no grudges, but, after standing firmly and fearlessly for what he considered right, always accepted the verdict of the majority, whether favorable or unfavorable to him, in a graceful and modest manner. His friends were legion. Of enemies, he had none. That he was deeply interested in the material and moral welfare of his fellowmen, his daily life bears indelible record. As a Mason, he achieved rare distinction; made a Master Mason in Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, Massachusetts, from which he dimitted and affiliated with Quincy Lodge No. 296, December 6, 1859, was elected its Worshipful Master in 1863, serving seven consecutive years, and was again elected to the office in 1880. In 1868 he served this Grand Lodge as Grand Orator; in 1870, as chairman of the Committee on Obituaries; was elected Deputy Grand Master and served as acting Grand Master in 1875, and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1876 and 1877. He was chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence from 1878 to 1888, and from then until the date of his death was the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In this capacity he attained great prominence, being recognized as the greatest authority on Masonic subjects in the world. That he was fully appreciated, and loved for his distinct worth as a man and a Mason, not only at home, but in foreign lands as well, is evidenced by an article in the *Freemason,* an English publication, which was written by Brother R. J. Gould, an eminent writer on Masonic subjects, who says of Brother Robbins: "I am not writing today to extol the abilities of a great Freemason who stands in no need of my own or of any other man's panegyric. His writings will live and will form an abiding claim to the recognition of his merits as a teacher of the craft. The object I have most at heart, in these hasty lines, is to mourn the loss of a dear and valued friend." Our Grand Master has truly said, "Words cannot magnify his worth."

Brother Robbins' remains were laid at rest in Woodland cemetery, in Quincy, Wednesday, July 21, the funeral being attended by nearly all the Grand Lodge officers, and a very large number of Masons from Quincy, and other parts of the state. The services at the grave were conducted by the Grand Lodge, M.W. Grand Master Alexander H. Bell, officiating.

"'Tis done, the dark decree is said
That called our friend away;
Submissive bow the sorrowing head,
And bend the lowly knee;
We will not ask why God has broke
Our pillar on its stone,
But humbly yield us to the stroke,
And say 'His will be done.'"

Calendar Rohrbough, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at his home in Kinmundy, Illinois, September 11, 1909, at the age of seventy-five years. Brother Rohrbough was born in Buchanan, West Virginia, September 1, 1834. In 1857, he came to Illinois, locating in Hancock county, teaching school until 1860, when he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1862 he closed out his business and organized a company of volunteer infantry, with which he was mustered into the service of his country as second Lieutenant, and the following year he was twice promoted, the second time, to Captain. At the close of the war he returned to Illinois, settling in Kinmundy, where his life's work was carried on. In all things making for the welfare of the church, the community, and the uplifting of humanity, he was a leader. His daily life was an example worthy of emulation. Kind, courteous, jovial, loving and considerate; a gentleman always. The Christian character which he builded will stand as a conspicuous and enduring monument to his memory. Brother Rohrbough was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Kinmundy Lodge No. 398, October 21, 1867. He served as Worshipful Master from 1887 to 1894 inclusive, and was again elected to the position in 1898, serving three years. In 1903 he was appointed Grand Steward, which position he held at the time of his death. His funeral was held Tuesday, September 14. The services at the grave were conducted by Kinmundy Lodge No. 398, R.W. Bro. Albert B. Ashley, Deputy Grand Master, coming from his summer home in Michigan to officiate as Master of that lodge on this occasion.

Richmond S. Dement, Grand Orator of this Grand Lodge in 1877, was laid to rest October 13, 1908, with Masonic honors, the services being in charge of R.W. Bro. A. H. Scrogin. Brother Dement was made a Master Mason in Lexington Lodge No. 482, in 1870, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1881. In 1885 he dimitted therefrom and removed to Chicago. He served as surveyor general in Utah Territory during the

administration of President Cleveland. Brother Dement was a Masonic author of note.

Hiram Washington Thomas, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at De Funiak Springs, Florida, August 12, 1909, aged seventy-seven years. Brother Thomas affiliated with Thomas J. Turner Lodge No. 409, December 16, 1875. In 1893 he was appointed Grand Chaplain and was re-appointed in 1894. He also served as Grand Chaplain at three other communications. He was a minister of the Gospel, and preached and practiced the tenets of Freemasonry. He was greatly interested in Masonry, and was frequently called upon to speak at Masonic functions, but in recent years, ill health prevented his taking part in any of these affairs.

Henry Alonzo Eidson, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fortieth Masonic District, died suddenly at his home in Willow Hill, Illinois, October 7, 1909. Brother Eidson was born in Mexico, Indiana, in 1846, and for many years past has been an active and useful physician. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Cooper Lodge No. 489 October 7, 1868, in which he served as Worshipful Master for many years. He was an accomplished ritualist, and for ten or twelve years had held a commission as Grand Lecturer. In 1905 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-fourth District, and was reappointed in the Fortieth District upon the re-districting of the state. He was a man of sterling character, of the highest and strictest sense of honor and duty, and in his life and dealings was a faithful and constant exemplar of the principles of Masonry. His death occurred on the forty-first anniversary of his being made a Mason. He was laid to rest with the ceremonies of the craft, October 9, R.W. Bro. Chas. H. Martin, of Bridgeport, officiating.

Bro. Fred P. Bacon, W.M. for one year (1890) of Scott Lodge No. 79, died August 27, 1908.

Bro. John R. Baldwin, W.M. for one year (1878), of Fairmount Lodge No. 590, died May 9, 1909.

Bro. Charles Wallace Bassett, W.M. for three years (1890-91-92) of Ravenswood Lodge No. 777, died September 27, 1908.

Bro. Henry D. Beam, W.M. for two years (1893-94) of Oriental Lodge No. 33, died June 21, 1909.

Bro. Charles E. Bliss, W.M. for one year, of Avon Harmony Lodge No. 253, died June 20, 1909.

Bro. J. W. Boren, W.M. for one year (1890) of Milton Lodge No. 275, died October 9, 1908.

Bro. Lycurgus Booth, W.M. for three years (1874-75-79) of Rantoul Lodge No. 470, died May 14, 1909.

Bro. Daniel Brewster, W.M. for three years (1869-70-77) of Waukegan Lodge No. 78, died December 12, 1908.

Bro. Charles Canisius, W.M. for two years (1885-86) of Mithra Lodge No. 410, died February 2, 1909.

Bro. Cheney M. Castle, W.M. for two years (1859-1871) of Euclid Lodge No. 65, died February 9, 1909.

Bro. Chester M. Clark, W.M. for one year (1872) of Galva Lodge No. 243, died April 25, 1909.

Bro. Henry C. Claypool, W.M. for three years of Cedar Lodge No. 124, died March 8, 1909.

Bro. P. Ralph Copeland, W.M. for two years (1904-05) of E. F. W. Ellis Lodge No. 633, died October 14, 1908.

Bro. John C. Corlus, W.M. for two years (1865-66), of Mendota Lodge No. 176, died March 17, 1909.

Bro. George W. Davis, W.M. for two years (1885-86) of Carrollton Lodge No. 50, died December 13, 1908.

Bro. David H. Dickinson, W.M. for one year (1878) of Blair Lodge No. 393, died April 17, 1909.

Bro. G. W. Dow, Worshipful Master of Pearl Lodge No. 823, died in office, September 25, 1909.

Bro. William Duff, a Past Master of Catlin Lodge No. 285, died May 15, 1909.

Bro. Joseph Newton Dunaway, W.M. for one year (1899) of Occidental Lodge No. 40, died January 9, 1909.

Bro. George A. Dutcher, W.M. for two years (1906-07) of New Canton Lodge No. 821, died December 8, 1908.

Bro. George Z. Flagler, W.M. for one year (1897) of Livingstone Lodge No. 371, died March 9, 1909.

Bro. John N. Forster, W.M. for one year (1906) of Basco Lodge No 618, died November 17, 1908.

Bro. George Frederick Francis, W.M. for one year (1901) of Hesperia Lodge No. 411, died November 12, 1908.

Bro. Harry David Fraser, W.M. for two years (1903-1905) of Blaney Lodge No. 271, died October 12, 1908.

Bro. James B. French, W.M. for one year (1894) of Garfield Lodge No. 686, died June 9, 1909.

Bro. Robert Simon Frick, W.M. for one year (1904) of Lake Creek Lodge No. 729, died February 5, 1909.

Bro. Henry M. Gillmore, W.M. for two years (1884-1885) of Delavan Lodge No. 156, died February 1, 1909.

Bro. A. L. Green, W.M. for two years (1893-1894) of Wabash Lodge No 179, died February 18, 1909.

Bro. John Gottlieb Haage, W.M. for two years (1903-04) of Acacia Lodge No. 67, died May 30, 1909.

Bro. Charles A. Hamilton, W.M. for five years (1897-98-99-1901-02) of Lyndon Lodge No. 750, died April 22, 1909.

Bro. James E. Hanna, W.M. for eight years (1855-56-57-58-59-1860-61-62) of Golconda Lodge No. 131, died February 5, 1909.

Bro. Alexander McC. Harper, a Past Master of Washburn Lodge No. 421, died March 30, 1908.

Bro. Thomas G. Harris, W.M. for two years (1885-86) of Cleveland Lodge No. 211, died September 24, 1908.

Bro. William Hill, W.M. for one year (1883) of Kendall Lodge No. 471, died May 9, 1909.

Bro. Jonah Hole, Past Master of Ridge Farm Lodge No. 632, died June 7, 1909.

Bro. Wesley H. Holway, W.M. for one year (1904) of Blaney Lodge No. 271, died February 5, 1909.

Bro. Isaac J. Lamb, W.M. for twelve years (1876 to 1879-1880 to 1888-1890) of Stratton Lodge No. 408, died September 20, 1908.

Bro. Robert E. Law, W.M. for one year (1900) of Thos. J. Turner Lodge No. 409, died May 28, 1909.

Bro. Lucian L. Leeds, W.M. for one year (1877) of Logan Lodge No. 210, died June 19, 1909.

Bro. John K. Livermore, W.M. for eleven years (1892-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-1900-01-06) of Raritan Lodge No. 727, died June 18, 1909.

Bro. Frank F. Loveland, W.M. for six years (1869-70-72-73-75-76) of Amity Lodge No. 472, died September 18, 1908.

Bro. Robert G. Lucas, W.M. for two years (1868-1872) of Kilwinning Lodge No. 311, died July 5, 1908.

Bro. William McClare, W.M. for three years (1898-99-1900) of Buckley Lodge No. 634, died July 6, 1908.

Bro. James A. McConnell, W.M. for ten years (1867-68-69-1871-72-74-77-78-79-1880) of Milford Lodge No. 168, died March 7, 1909.

Bro. C. E. McCullough, W.M. for two years (1888-1889) of Kewanee Lodge No. 159, died April 23, 1909.

Bro. George M. McKenney, W.M. for one year (1896) of Oregon Lodge No. 420, died March 20, 1909.

Bro. Bennett H. McMillan, W.M. for one year (1895) of Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, died January 27, 1909.

Bro. James W. Montgomery, W.M. for one year (1889) of Pleiades Lodge No. 478, died May 27, 1909.

Bro. Francis A. Morley, W.M. for one year (1902) of Covenant Lodge No. 526, died June 1, 1909.

Bro. John William Morris, W.M. for four years (1884-85-1893-94) of Cairo Lodge No. 237, died November 1, 1908. Brother Morris served two years as District Deputy Grand Master, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of Cairo Lodge.

Bro. William L. Nicholson, a Past Master of Corinthian Lodge No. 205, died August 8, 1908.

Bro. Alexander G. Orr, W.M. for eight years (1872-1889-81-82-84-85-86-1898) of Benton Lodge No. 64, died August 25, 1908.

Bro. Alfred Patterson, W.M. for one year (1892) of (lodge and number not given), died November 10, 1908.

Bro. Harry Eldon Preble, died June 20, 1909, while serving his fourth consecutive term as W.M. of Salem Lodge No. 218.

Bro. John W. Price, W.M. for one year (1893) of Mound Lodge No. 122, died October 26, 1908.

Bro. Edwin J. Raith, W.M. for one year (1883) of Highland Lodge No. 583, died January 17, 1909.

Bro. James Morris Rogers, W.M. for one year (1883) of Wyoming Lodge No. 479, died May 20, 1909.

Bro. Luther D. Romberger, W.M. for two years (1885-86) of Bureau Lodge No. 112, died July 12, 1908.

Bro. Asbury H. Saunders, W.M. for two years (1888-89) of Central Lodge No. 71, died October 24, 1908.

Bro. Henry M. Schmoldt, W.M. for one year (1903) of Cass Lodge No. 23, died September 29, 1908.

Bro. Thaddeus S. Simpson, W.M. for one year (1902) of Temple Lodge No. 46, died January 25, 1909.

Bro. Charles F. Slade, W.M. for one year (1874) of Dundee Lodge No. 190, died February 17, 1909.

Bro. Taylor L. Smith, W.M. for one year (1892) of Cass Lodge No. 23, died September 29, 1908.

Bro. Andrew Steed, W.M. for two years (1877-1898) of Fidelity Lodge No. 152, died April 9, 1909.

Bro. Aaron K. Stiles, Past Master of Sycamore Lodge No. 134, died March 30, 1909.

Bro. William N. Storis, W.M. for two years (1907-1908) of Aroma Lodge No. 378, died May 4, 1909.

Bro. James William Tate, W.M. for two years (1901-1906) of Jeffersonville Lodge No. 460, died April 2, 1909.

Bro. John V. Thomas, W.M. for nine consecutive years (1873 to 1881 inclusive) of Friendship Lodge No. 7, died October 5, 1908.

Bro. Hezekiah R. Thomas, W.M. for one year (1879) of Apollo Lodge No. 642, died March 28, 1909.

Bro. William Tinkler, W.M. for one year (1888) of Lake View Lodge No. 774, died January 14, 1909.

Bro. Isaac H. Tobias, W.M. for two years (1875-76) of Taylor Lodge No. 98, died January 20, 1909.

Bro. Melvin L. Walker, W.M. for six years (1896-98-99-1903-06-07) of T. J. Pickett Lodge No. 307, died January 2, 1909.

Bro. Edward L. Watts, W.M for four years of Waltham Lodge No 384, died October 14, 1908.

Bro. Elias Nelson Weese, a Past Master of Minooka Lodge No. 528, died June 7, 1909.

Bro. Silas D. Wesson, W.M. for one year (1895) of Leland Lodge No. 558, died February 4, 1909.

Bro. Uri W. Weston, W.M. for one year (1871) of Ashlar Lodge No. 308, died May 14, 1909.

Bro. James A. Wheeler, Jr., W.M. for two years (1891-94) of Auburn Park Lodge No. 789, died November 14, 1908.

Bro. Edward P. White, W.M. for one year (1895) of Blair Lodge No. 393, died December 31, 1908.

Bro. William H. Williamson, W.M. for three years (1875-76-77) of Greenview Lodge No. 653, died October 5, 1908.

Bro. Henry C. Withers, Past Master of Carrollton Lodge No. 50, died March 17, 1909.

Bro. Robert H. Woodcock, W.M. for one year (1891) of South Macon Lodge No. 467, died May 3, 1909.

Bro. Alonzo Workman, W.M. for two years (1890-97) of Scotland Lodge No. 743, died April 20, 1909.

In conclusion, we know that the officers and members of this Grand Lodge join with this Committee in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of our deceased brethren throughout the state, and especially to those bereaved ones within the official circle of this Grand Lodge whose homes have been invaded, and their loved ones led away by the Angel of Death. May the Great Physician heal their sorrow, and restore peace and comfort to their troubled minds.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. H. Thompson,
Chas. N. Hambleton,
Sam'l W. Eldred,
Committee.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

RESOLUTION—Tableau of Lodges.

M.W. Bro. Chester E. Allen presented the following resolution relating to a new issue of the Tableau of Lodges.

Whereas, Two years have elapsed since the publication by this Grand Lodge of a list of Regular Masonic Lodges of the World, and many changes and additions have in the meantime taken place; and

Whereas, Without such authoritative list of Regular Masonic Lodges it is difficult, if not impossible, for lodges to act safely and intelligently when members of other lodges seek to visit lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare a complete revised list of the Regular Masonic Lodges of the World, and cause one thousand copies of said revised list to be printed, and one copy thereof to be sent to each of the constituent lodges in this

state, one copy to each officer and permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT—Committee on Chartered Lodges.

M.W. Bro. Chas. F. Hitchcock presented the following additional report for the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges fraternally report as follows:

That portion of the Grand Master's address of 1908 relating to the removal of Murrayville Lodge No. 432, at Murrayville, Ill., to Woodson, Ill., be approved.

That portion of the report of the Grand Master in his address for 1909 of the constituting of the several lodges is hereby approved.

Fraternally submitted,

C. F. Hitchcock,
James L. Scott,
S. M. Schoemann,
W. A. Dixon,
C. M. Turner,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Railroads reported through Bro. O. E. Tandy.

Chicago, Ill., October 13, 1909.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge, A.F. and A. Masons, of Illinois:

Brethren:—Your Committee on Railroads and Transportation respectfully report that they made inquiry of both the Western and Central Passenger Associations with respect to a concession in rates in favor of the brethren attending this session of the M.W. Grand Lodge.

They were informed that line members of the respective Associations had adopted a rule which had been in effect for some time, and which provides that no reduced rates will be granted upon the certificate plan unless 1,000 or more receipts for fares paid, of not less than $1 each, are presented for validation. As but 588 certificates were presented for validation in 1905, and 646 in 1906, your Committee were reluctantly

forced to the conclusion that it would be impossible to obtain any concession at this time.

Your Committee also took up the question of an open excursion rate to Chicago, but were informed that this concession could not be granted, as it would result in reducing the revenue very materially on practically all of the local passenger traffic in the state, to and from Chicago, for several days.

Subsequently the question was presented to the Executive Committee of the Western Passenger Association by a representative of one of the member lines, but they decided not to make any change in the rule at this time.

Your Committee are satisfied that we have not been discriminated against in this respect, and that we have received as liberal treatment as that accorded to other organizations under similar circumstances.

Your Committee have been asked to embody in their report to this M.W. Grand Lodge their opinion as to the wisdom of continuing the appointment of a Committee on Railroads and Transportation. While your Committee regret that their efforts have not been productive of tangible results, they are of the opinion that possibly some change may be made in the rules governing the granting of reduced rates before the next annual communication of this M.W. Grand Lodge, and would respectfully suggest that, if in the judgment of the brethren it is deemed advisable to continue this Committee, it be appointed early in the year, in order that it may be in a position to keep in touch with the Passenger Associations and thereby be able to make application promptly should the opportunity offer.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. O. Clifford,
O. E. Tandy,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was offered by R.W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the Grand Lodge Treasury for $50 in favor of R.W. Bro. W. B. Grimes, and that the same be sent to him by the Grand Secretary with assurances of the best wishes and fraternal love of the members of this Grand Lodge.

It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—Lost.

Bro. Jason R. Lewis called up the amendment to Section 8, Article 14, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-Laws, proposed last year, and moved its adoption.

Add the following as Sec. 8, to Art. 14, Part I.

"Section 8. Whenever the Grand Master in his discretion shall deem it advisable, or whenever the request is made by the representatives of twenty lodges, the vote for the election of any elective officer of the Grand Lodge, or upon any question before the Grand Lodge, shall be taken by ballot and in the following manner, viz.: The Grand Master shall appoint three or more boards of tellers of three or more members each, to count the ballots. Every representative or brother voting shall pass before one of these boards, depositing his ballot and at the same time announcing what lodge he represents or in what capacity he votes, and the number of votes he casts—but not how he votes, nor for whom, and no brother shall be permitted to vote whose name does not appear on the roll of the committee on credentials. In case a brother's vote is challenged, the Grand Master shall take the necessary steps to verify his right to vote. The tellers shall take any precautions necessary to prevent duplication of voting, and at the close of the ballot the boards shall make a combined report of the result."

The motion was lost.

RESOLUTION.

Bro. Roswell T. Spencer presented the following resolution and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Correspondence for a report next year.

WHEREAS, The M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois has given qualified recognition to the M.W. National Grand Lodge of Egypt, of which M.W. Bro. Idris Bey Ragheb is Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. John Corson Smith, of Illinois, is Honorary Grand Master, which warrants the Masons of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in visiting its lodges, with the consent thereof, and permits Illinois lodges in receiving on like terms the members of the obedience of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, as visitors or as applicants for affiliation, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Egypt is a regularly organized and legitimate Grand Lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Grand Lodge of Egypt be accorded full recognition by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and an exchange of Grand Representatives be made.

The resolution was adopted.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—Proposed.

Bro. John Fagan offered the following amendment to Article 12, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, and it being seconded by Representatives of more than twenty lodges, lies over until next year.

Amend Article 12, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Sec. 11:

Sec. 11. No person shall be eligible to membership in the Masonic fraternity who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. And any Mason who engages in such business after the adoption of this rule shall be charged with unmasonic conduct, in any lodge having jurisdiction, and shall be expelled from Masonry; provided, however, that any Mason who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors prior to the adoption of this section shall not be affected by it, nor shall his standing be impaired in the fraternity in consequence of such business.

The minutes of the session of Tuesday and Wednesday were read and approved.

CALLED OFF.

At 2:20 P. M. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, A. D. 1909, A. L. 5909
9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The M.W. Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the M.W. Grand Master at 9 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the R.W. Grand Chaplain.

INTRODUCTIONS.

The following brethren were introduced by the Grand Master, and grand honors were in each case accorded to the Grand Jurisdictions which they represent:

R.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

R.W. Bro. David D. King, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

R.W. Bro. J. R. Ennis, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

AMENDMENT—To By-Laws. Proposed.

Bro. B. A. Cottlow, proxy for the Senior Warden of Oregon Lodge No. 420, presented the following amendment to Section 6, Article 20, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, and it being seconded by representatives of more than twenty lodges, lies over until next year.

Sec. 6. When a member of a lodge desires to change his membership to another lodge and wishes to know whether he will be accepted by it before severing his connection with his lodge, he shall give his lodge notice in writing of his intentions. This notice shall be read in open lodge at a stated meeting and lie over till the next or some subsequent stated meeting, when, if there are no formal charges against him and his dues are paid three months in advance, the Secretary shall issue to him a certificate under seal of the lodge showing that the dues have been paid as aforesaid and stating for what purposes the certificate is issued. This certificate may be deposited with his petition in the lodge he wishes to join at any time within two months of its date and be

treated as the necessary documentary evidence referred to in Section 4, Article 13, Part 2, of these by-laws. If he is elected to membership in the petitioned lodge, the secretary thereof shall immediately notify the first lodge and the petitioner's membership therein shall cease from the time such notice is received. If such notice is not received within three months from the date of the certificate, he shall forfeit any rights and privileges acquired by means of it, be still a member of the original lodge and chargeable with dues therein. Nothing in this section shall operate to change the law regarding dimits or affiliation thereon—nor shall it be construed to permit a change of membership from one lodge to another except by regular dimit if both lodges are in the same city or town.

REPORT—Committee on Credentials.

Bro. George W. Cyrus presented the report of the Committee on Credentials.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee on Credentials fraternally report that the following brethren whose names appear in this report are present and entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell*M.W. Grand Master*
Bro. A. B. Ashley.....*R.W. Deputy Grand Master*
Bro. Delmar D. Darrah.....*R.W. Senior Grand Warden*
Bro. Henry T. Burnap*R.W. Junior Grand Warden*
Bro. Leroy A. Goddard*R.W. Grand Treasurer*
Bro. Isaac Cutter*R.W. Grand Secretary*
Bro. J. Webster Bailey.....*R.W. Grand Chaplain*
Bro. Euclid B. Rogers*R.W. Grand Orator*
Bro. G. A. Stabler*W. Deputy Grand Secretary*
Bro. F. W. Froelich*W. Grand Pursuivant*
Bro. Louis Zinger*W. Grand Marshal*
Bro. W. O. Butler.....*W. Grand Standard Bearer*
Bro. J. M. Willard*W. Grand Sword Bearer*
Bro. Henry L. Whipple*W. Senior Grand Deacon*
Bro. Lawrence C. Johnson*W. Junior Grand Deacon*
Bro. Geo. W. Hamilton*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. Henry S. Albin*W. Grand Steward*
Bro. Chester S. Gurney*Bro. Grand Tyler*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Bro. W. H. Scott *Past Grand Master*
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	Chas. R. Young	S. W.
479	Geo. E. Scott	W. M.
481	J. M. Eyler	"
482	Chas. S. Lawrence	"
484	John M. Lieb	"
	Wilber Bartley	J. W.
485	Alex S. Jessup	W. M.
486	C. P. Jacobs	"
487	Frank H. Pease	"
488	C. W. Tolwer	"
489	John W. Ransdell	"
491	M. J. Platt	"
492	John Auston*	"
493	John Warren*	"
495	J. H. Blackman	"
496	J. E. Shields	"
497	F. A. Wnorowski	"
498	G. J. Koons	S. W.
500	Geo. Taylor, Jr.	W. M.
501	Abel H. White	"
502	F. W. Overstreet	"
503	Chas. E. Sloam	"
	F. H. Robinson	S. W.
	G. A. Smith	J. W.
504	W. M. Stiner	W. M.
505	E. F. Gates	"
506	N. S. Pearce	"
508	Geo. Ephgrave	"
	L. Johnson	S. W.
	E. K. Bennington	J. W.
509	B. R. Talley	W. M.
	V. S. Fildes	J. W.
510	J. A. Hindman	W. M.
512	F. L. Muhl	"
514	E. H. Phenix	"
516	Carl J. Seastrand	"
517	W. D. Lipe	"
518	J. F. Kyler	"
519	Chas. Carr	"
520	E. S. Alden*	"
521	H. C. Roberts	"

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NO.	NAMES.	
522	Edw. F. Prideaux	W. M.
523	W. H. Whitney	"
524	A. W. Gould	"
	Fred B. Merrell	S. W.
	A. W. Gage	J. W.
525	Jas. D. Marshall	W. M.
526	Geo. N. Schmidt	"
	A. J. Bernhard	S. W.
	Berkley Brandt	J. W.
527	John Maury*	W. M.
528	Albert C. Heap	"
529	M. W. Bowker	"
530	G. G. Shearer*	"
531	John D. Charters	"
532	Chas. H. R. Thomas*.	"
533	Sidney S. Smith	"
534	C. L. Funk	S. W.
535	G. H. Wayne	W. M.
536	C M. Reeves	"
537	D. J. Holtmann	"
538	C. H. Foster*	"
539	Stephen S. Hitch	"
540	S. B. Harvey	"
	Elmer Hill	S. W.
	W. B. Fisk	J. W.
541	J. B. Singer	W. M.
542	Harry E. Tilbury	"
543	William R Freek	"
	J. W. Heany	S. W.
544	R. E. Simmons	W. M.
547	Thomas L. Bedford	W. M.
	Henry T. Walters	J. W.
550	C. R. Condit	W. M.
552	A. M. Smith	"
554	Oscar Formhals	"
556	Arthur E. Stoker	"
	Henry Wiley	J. W.
557	Henry W. Huttman	W. M.
	Adolph Steidler	S. W.
	Sophus Dabelstein	J. W.
558	Al. A. Clapsaddle	W. M.
559	A. P. Atherton	"
	R. I. Houghton	S. W.
560	Oscar Latowsky	W. M.
562	Chas. H. Schuler	"
564	Wm. Van Matre	J. W.
565	W. A. Windmiller	W. M.
566	Louis Hoobler	"
567	N. J. Henson	"
569	C. E. Bagly	"
570	R. C. Singley	"
	P. V. Coover	S. W.
572	H. A. Maxwell	W. M.
573	Walter Ferguson	"
574	Ernest M. Hamilton	"
575	A. R. Montgomery	"
576	A. B. Gordon	"
577	F. D. Sexton	"
578	Geo. H. White	"
580	J. F. Adams	"
581	J. H. Eddleman	"
582	A. H. Williams	"
	T. J. Karr*	S. W.

NO.	NAMES.	
	A. E. McCoy*	J. W.
583	Adolph P. Mosimann	W. M.
584	Erie A. Johnson	"
585	Norton E. Porter	"
587	Jas. L. Norman	"
	Eugene Moran	S. W.
588	H. Canedy	W. M.
590	W. H. Goodwin	"
591	G. L. Harris	"
592	Chas. W. Brown	"
595	A. L. Blythe	"
600	John W. Vent	"
601	F. E. Hewitt	"
602	J. F. Henderson	"
603	J. I. Brydon	"
604	W. M. Miller*	"
607	E. M. Griggs	"
608	C. A. McClain*	"
609	Chas. H. Christenson	"
610	Jason R. Lewis	"
611	Oscar A. Kropf	"
612	W. J. Burleigh	"
613	J. S. Hudspell	"
	Geo. H. Pope	S. W.
614	H. M. Miller	J. W.
616	Burley Jones	W. M.
617	G. C. James	"
618	Albert Naegelin	"
620	James Snyder	"
622	H. Jennings	"
623	Wm. Cranford	"
627	William J. Damron	"
630	John W. McGhee	"
631	W. R. Watts	S. W.
632	F. M. Hole	W. M.
633	Fred H. Gregory*	"
634	Edwin Hull	W. M.
635	J. D. Hunter	"
636	W. E. Imholz	"
639	Samuel Levine	"
641	M. H. Hand	"
	John Kruger*	J. W.
642	David H. Shonkair	W. M.
	Chas. A. Stevenson	S. W.
	Menz I. Rosenbaum	J. W.
643	Chas. W. Bastgen	W. M.
	Nicholas Heinsen	S. W.
	Herman Perl	J. W.
644	J. G. Brown	W. M.
645	John Fryer	"
646	Daniel H. Knight	J. W.
647	H. T. Gardner	W. M.
648	Thos. Hester	"
651	A. J. Quick	"
653	C. H. Derry	"
	J. H. Stone*	S. W.
	S. N. Alkine*	J. W.
655	T. A. Curnow	W. M.
656	Wm. Fey	"
657	J. T. Evans	S. W.
658	O. W. Schwenker	W. M.
659	H. C Bruhn	S. W.
660	J. M. Jones	W. M.

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662	T. A. Hewitt*	W. M.
	Oliver J. Graham	J. W.
664	Jacob S. Clagg	W. M.
665	F. B. Huffman	"
	G. W. Tipsword*	S. W.
666	James T. Athey	W. M.
667	G. E. Thompson	J. W.
668	Geo. H. Brown	W. M.
669	Felix Von Wyszonwinski-Wysow	"
	Chas. Zietzen	S. W.
	Henry Puppe	J. W.
670	V. A. Bost	W. M.
672	E. S. Barger	"
673	Frank Phillips	"
674	Phillipp Weicker	"
	Gustav Baumgartner	S. W.
	Chas. Thetard	J. W.
675	Geo. E. Galyen	W. M.
	R. V. Murphy*	J. W.
676	W. H. Thomas	"
677	W. R. Miller*	W. M.
679	M. M. Marquis*	"
680	O. W. Jacobson	"
681	Geo. M. Wilson	"
682	A. A. Bauer	"
	C. L. Montgomery*	J. W.
683	Geo. W. Carlisle	W. M.
684	John F. Ryan	"
685	Edward J. Tye	"
686	Geo. E. Haley	"
	John Johnston*	S. W.
	Chas. Workman*	J. W.
687	W. A. Musse	W. M.
688	Peter Wright*	J. W.
690	John C. Kane	W. M.
	B. W. Plane	J. W.
691	Eli Patrick*	W. M.
692	Alva W. Jones	S. W.
693	A. A. Murray	W. M.
695	L. E. Lexdenbostel	J. W.
696	Isaac D. Hampton	W. M.
697	Chas. A. Ehrenwertt.	"
	John P Zingelman	S. W.
698	Carson Lawyer	W. M.
700	W. H. Doranch	"
701	R. C. Green	"
702	J. R. McCall	"
704	J. W. Patterson*	"
705	D. G. Fitzgeovell	"
706	R. H. Frizzell	"
710	John W. Kendall	S. W.
711	Rob't Schmook	W. M.
712	Samuel Harrison	"
713	E. M. Turner	"
714	D. M. Fowler	"
715	S. A. Symmonds	"
716	Rob't Arens	"
717	Thos. McManus	"
718	Ira Shain	"
719	N. A. Norris	"
721	J. R. Walker	"
722	O. Baechler	"
723	Seth W. Holleman	S. W.
724	Albert Amant	W. M.
725	H. J. Beuers	"
726	F. P. Dean	"
727	James Tilley	S. W.
729	M. Ozment	W. M.
730	Roy Gregg	"
731	B. F. Hedges	"
	A. C. Bell	S. W.
	Chas. Watson	J. W.
732	W. C. Vaughn	W. M.
733	J. H. White	"
734	J. B. Sympson	"
735	H. M. Powers	"
737	Wm. O. Gilbert	"
738	C. T. Ross	"
739	J. W. Leverenz	"
741	James Ryan	"
742	D. E. Maurer	"
743	J. F. Jennings*	"
744	S. C. D. Rea	"
	Hosea Rea*	S. W.
745	F. J. Waterstreet	W. M.
746	Chas. C. Lisenby	"
747	W. H. Rickey	"
748	W. C. Chambers	"
749	J. J. Bundy	S. W.
750	P. C. Riley	W. M.
751	E. F. Wickman	"
	E. Meyer	J. W.
752	J. A. Kogan*	W. M.
754	Abner Silkey	"
	Walter V. Cooper	S. W.
755	S. S. Johnston	W. M.
756	F. S. Hurlbert	"
757	C. C. Fenn	"
758	Mark D. Taylor	"
759	W. A. Newman	"
761	H. D. Young	"
762	Joe Johnson	"
763	Frank B. Wilder*	"
764	H. C. Shirey	"
	C. W. Cofer	S. W.
765	Henry Denhardt	W. M.
	H. M. Raehlitz	S. W.
	L. E. Taylor	J. W.
766	P. M. Powell	W. M.
767	James W. Swope	"
768	Louis M. Russell	"
	W. H. Mooney	S. W.
	G. W. Van Berner	J. W.
769	Jos. R. Morrison	W. M.
770	Harry C. Knisely	"
771	C. A. Golden	"
772	Robert W. Alsbrook	"
773	W. R. Merseran	J. W.
774	Chas. A. Rohde	W. M.
	A. H. Fry	S. W.
776	D. F. King	W. M.
777	E. John Merki	"
	John B. Irwin	S. W.
	Chas. R. Casler	J. W.

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778	A. T. Hazel	W. M.
779	Albert J. Nelson	"
	Herbert Richards	S. W.
780	Ira J. McDowell	W. M.
782	J. F. Payne	"
783	Fred W. Giesen	"
	Wait Seipert	S. W.
	E. Weber	J. W.
784	Fred Johnson	W. M.
	Thos. Weston	S. W.
	H. E. Knoth	J. W.
786	John Marland	W. M.
787	J. C. Fults	"
	A. J. Koeingsmark	S. W.
788	W. H. Williams*	W. M.
789	Geo. L. Watson	"
	C. E. Tallman	S. W.
	Joseph W. Taylor	J. W.
790	Roy D. Platner	W. M.
791	Harry Allen	"
792	G. H. Wintjen	"
793	Clark Herrold	"
794	John W. Pyles	"
795	Harry W. Boos	"
796	W. A. Jolley	"
797	Oliver M. Zeis	"
798	Joseph S. Smith	S. W.
799	Wm. Gaddis	W. M.
800	A. E. Dutton	"
	I. H. Powell	S. W.
	G. H. Brosniham	J. W.
801	H. L. Wardlow*	W. M.
802	W. B. Miller	"
803	Chas. S. Russell	"
804	H. A. Wray*	"
805	Jas. W. McIntyre	"
806	John Blackwell*	"
807	J. M. Boster	"
808	E. R. Jones	"
809	D. R. Elam	"
810	J. J. Bickel	"
812	J. H. Wood	"
813	L. A. Brinkerd	"
	J. C. Groetzmger*	S. W.
	John Mirkle, Jr.	J. W.
814	A. J. Jackson	W. M.
816	S. M. Combs	S. W.
817	J. L. Whiteside	W. M.
818	A. J. Eklers	"
	A. N. Engle*	S. W.
	E. G. Esseimeer	J. W.
819	C. E. Regues	W. M.
	J. Janes	J. W.
820	C. T. McLean	S. W.
821	W. H. Foster	W. M.
822	T. J. Hughes	"
823	M. W. Hooker	S. W.
824	N. C. Pearce	W. M.
825	O. D. Makepeace	J. W.
826	Geo. P. Thomas	M. W.
	H. M. Ely	J. W.
827	Frank B. Huber	W. M.
829	John W. Bott	"
830	Chas. E. Miller	"
831	C. A. Tucker	W. M.
832	I. R. Smoll	"
	J. E. Van Deursen	S. W.
	Geo. S. Woodward*	J. W.
833	John Bennett	W. M.
834	T. C. Connor	"
835	James Kerr	"
836	R. B. Gillie	"
	R. Moe	S. W.
	G. S. French*	J. W.
837	C. W. Mitchell	W. M.
838	L. D. Armstrong	"
839	C. J. Becker	"
840	L. E. Holcomb	"
841	F. D. Reed	"
	H. J. Jackson	S. W.
	H. F. Holder	J. W.
842	Martin Andersen	W. M.
843	Harry D. Irwin	"
	Albert J. Carr	S. W.
845	Geo. A. Reed*	W. M.
846	Jas. Hamilton	"
	E. D. Beird	S. W.
847	Geo. T. Chant	W. M.
848	Samuell Way	"
849	J. M. Forsman	"
	L. C. Wiley*	S. W.
850	G. G. Moelaughlin	W. M.
	Geo. M. Leathers	J. W.
851	W. G. Stowell	W. M.
	E. B. Lawton	J. W.
852	Frank M. Miller	W. M.
853	O. J. Joynt	"
854	J. Maclaughlan*	"
	Thos. Rankin*	S. W.
855	H. E. Lindblade	W. M.
	B. F. Henrikson	S. W.
	G. B. Hanson	J. W.
856	Chas. L. Wood	W. M.
857	Chas. Olson	"
858	J. F. Blakeslee	"
	N. J. Carey*	S. W.
859	N. A. Scott	W. M.
860	N. E. Murray	"
	Herman F. Woeckendorf	J. W.
861	N. J. Bollenbaugh	S. W.
862	W. L. Shepard, Jr*	W. M.
	R. C. Dyrenforth*	S. W.
863	R. A. Sempill	W. M.
	Albert Daers*	S. W.
	William Gardner*	J. W.
864	Wm. P. Preble	W. M.
	G. A. Goetsch	S. W.
	F. J. Lindsay	J. W.
865	R. B. Pendergast	W. M.
	C. H. Crowell	S. W.
	A. Hickox	J. W.
866	S. R. Skinner	W. M.
867	F. W. Zugswerdt	"
868	F. L. Gardner	"
869	Albert H. Mussing	"
870	R. W. Phillips	"

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NO.	NAMES.	
871	S. O. Hilbrant*	W. M.
872	W. J. Sailor	"
	C. T. Stanner	S. W.
873	E. C. Tellotson	W. M.
	C. A. Luse	S. W.
	J. H. Boyd	J. W.
874	C. R. Van Winkle	W. M.
875	Edward Beecroft	"
	Chas. Cunnard	J. W.
876	W. F. Bazner	W. M.
	R. P. Johnson*	S. W.
	W. P Larsen*	J. W.
877	John W. Costley	W. M.
878	J. Scott Mathews	"
879	A. I. Weston	"
	Thos. Quincy	S. W.
	E. H. Cooke	J. W.
880	W. J. Freckelton	W. M.
	Otto Drews	S. W.
	John Smith, Jr.	J. W.
881	W. C. Stewart	W. M.
882	W. J. Lamb	W. M.
	Chas. H. Moss	S. W.
	J. Norris	J. W.
883	W. C. Harned	W. M.
884	John Sampley*	"
885	D. F. Richman	"
886	Carl Lorenzen	"
887	Walter B. Nolan	"
888	Geo. Edwards	"
	W. R. Goodheart	S. W.
	S. M. Fitch	J. W.
889	Thos. Kerwin	W. M.
	W. J. Weideman	J. W.
890	D. F. Webster	W. M.
891	Walter Belle	"
892	J. Dutton, Jr.	W. M.
	E. A. Johnson	S. W.
	Otto Tetting	J. W.
893	J. O. Wade	W. M.
894	H. F. Sprague	"
	R. E. Walter	S. W.
	Ben N. Dawney	J. W.
895	Henry Cohen	W. M.
	D. S. Davidson	S. W.
	B. L. Cohn	J. W.
896	J. C. Higgins	W. M.
897	J. A. Anderson	"
	A. W. Lemme	S. W.
	N. Sweig	J. W.
898	Walter J. Baker*	W. M.
900	R. H. Rockwood	"
	E. O. Jones	S W.
	H. E. Henderson	J. W.
901	F. M. Glennon	W. M.
	J. A. Freuend	S. W.
	A. B. Gash	J. W.
902	E. T. Corwin	W. M.
903	L. Barber	"
904	Elmer E. Farmer	"
905	Franklin Miller	"
906	C. F. Lamb	"
907	H. Silverman	"
	Leo Michael*	S. W.
	John Silverman*	J. W.
908	D. C. Hibbott	W. M.
	O. L. Barks	S. W.
	W. W. Sime	J. W.
909	L. E. Hamburg	W. M.
	C. E. Schnaidt	S. W.
	E. J. Feathen	J. W..
910	Geo. W. Lawrence	W. M.

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All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. W. CYRUS,
C. E. GROVE,
W. E. HADLEY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

REPORT—Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Bro. W. F. Beck presented the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem It was adopted.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, A.F. and A. Masons:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem would fraternally report that the following Grand Officers, Members of Committees, and Representatives, members of this Grand Lodge, are entitled to Mileage and Per Diem as set forth in the following pages:

GRAND OFFICERS.

NAMES.	OFFICE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Alexander H. Bell	M.W. Grand Master	224	$22 40	$	$ 22 40
A. B. Ashley	R.W. Dep. Gr. Master				
Delmar D. Darrah	R.W. Sr. Gr. Warden				
Henry T. Burnap	R.W. Jr. Gr. Warden			..	
Leroy A. Goddard	R.W. Gr. Treasurer				
Isaac Cutter	R.W. Gr. Secretary	241	24 10		24 10
J. Webster Bailey	R.W. Gr. Chaplain	84	8 40	6	14 40
E. B. Rogers	R.W. Grand Orator	185	18 50	6	24 50
Geo. A. Stadler	W. Dep. Gr. Sec'y	173	17 30	6	23 30
Frederick W. Froelich	W. Gr. Pursuivant	246	24 60	6	30 60
Louis Zinger	W. Grand Marshal	158	15 80	6	21 80
W. O. Butler	W. Gr. Stand. Bearer	234	23 40	6	29 40
James M. Willard	W. Gr. Sword Bearer	173	17 30	6	23 30
Henry L. Whipple	W. Sr. Gr. Deacon	263	26 30	6	32 30
L. C. Johnson	W. Jr. Gr. Deacon	139	13 90	6	19 90
Geo. W. Hamilton	W. Grand Steward	186	18 60	6	24 60
H. S. Albin	W. Grand Steward	6	60	6	6 60
C. S. Gurney	Bro. Grand Tyler	5	50	6	6 50
W. H. Scott	P. G. Master	366	36 60	6	42 60
W. J. A. Delancy	P. D. G. Master	252	25 20	6	31 20
Chas. Fisher	P. G. Sen. Warden	185	18 50	6	24 50
Jno. C. Smith	P. G. Master	6	60	6	6 60

R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Harry W. Harvey	1st District.	7	$ 70	$ 6	$ 6 70
R. R. Jampolis	2d "	7	70	6	6 70
Albert Roullier	3d "	1	10	6	6 10
David D. King	4th "	1	10	6	6 10
Wm. H. Bied	5th "	8	80	6	6 80
Edward Peterson	6th "	4	40	6	6 40
Lewis Pickett	7th "	12	1 20	6	7 20
Jay L. Brewster	8th "	35	3 50	6	9 50
James M. Huff	9th "	78	7 80	6	13 80
John W. Oliver	10th "	138	13 80	6	19 80
W. J. Emerson	11th "	91	9 10	6	15 10
James McCredie	12th "	37	3 70	6	9 70
W. C. Stilson	13th "	121	12 10	6	18 10
Milton T. Booth	14th "	152	15 20	6	21 21
F. H. Bradley	15th "	130	13 00	6	19 00
	16th "				
J. B. Fithian	17th "	37	3 70	6	9 70
N. T. Stevens	18th "	69	16 90	6	12 90
L. E. Rockwood	19th "	110	11 00	6	17 00
John C. Weis	20th "	150	15 00	6	21 00
	21st "				

R. W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—*Continued.*

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
C. L. Gregory	22d District	176	$17 60	6	$23 60
Emerson Clark	23d "	171	17 10	6	23 10
D. H. Glass	24th "	227	22 70	6	28 70
L. W. Lawton	25th "	157	15 70	6	21 70
H. M. Palmer	26th "	141	14 10	6	20 10
C. L. Sandusky	27th "	124	12 40	6	18 40
Wilson P. Jones	28th "	137	13 70	6	19 70
N. M. Mesnard	29th "	187	18 70	6	24 70
S. S. Breese	30th "	185	18 50	6	24 50
C. P. Ross	31st "	215	21 50	6	27 50
W. W. Watson	32d "	263	26 30	6	32 30
Emmet Howard	33d "	263	26 30	6	32 30
R. M. Riggs	34th "	235	23 50	6	29 50
C. H. Burgdorf	35th "	224	22 40	6	28 40
D. W. Starr	36th "	220	22 00	6	28 00
Chas. G. Young	37th "	202	20 20	6	26 20
J. E. Jeffers	38th "	158	15 80	6	21 80
H. Gassaway	39th "	186	18 60	6	24 60
.....	40th "				
.....	41st "				
Anthony Doherty	42d "	242	24 20	6	30 20
Enos Johnson	43d "	259	25 90	6	31 90
Geo. S. Caughlan	44th "	280	28 00	6	34 00
.....	45th "				
J. R. Ennis	46th "	272	27 20	6	33 20
I. A. Foster	47th "	297	29 70	6	35 70
W. D. Abney	48th "	326	32 60	6	38 60
W. H. Peak	49th "	330	33 00	6	39 00
Joseph K. West	50th "	373	37 30	6	43 30

COMMITTEES.

NAMES.	Miles	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.				
Monroe C. Crawford	330	$33 00	$30	$ 63 00
A. W. West	173	17 30	30	47 30
Geo. R. Smith	126	12 60	30	42 60
H. H. Montgomery	249	24 90	30	54 90
Joseph E. Dyas	160	16 00	30	46 00
CHARTERED LODGES				
James L. Scott	172	17 20	20	37 20
Chas. F. Hitchcock	150	15 00	20	35 00
S. M. Schoemann	305	30 50	20	50 50
Wm. A. Dixon	173	17 30	20	37 30
Chester M. Turner	154	15 40	20	35 40
CORRESPONDENCE.				
Edward Cook				

COMMITTEES—*Continued.*

NAMES.	Miles.....	Mileage....	Per Diem.	Total
CREDENTIALS.				
G. W. Cyrus	241	$24 10	$20	$ 44 10
W. E. Hadley	286	28 60	20	48 60
C. E. Groves	175	17 50	20	37 50
FINANCE.				
Nelson N. Lampert	10	1 00	20	21 00
S. O. Spring	150	15 00	20	35 00
Thos. A. Stevens	4	40	20	20 40
GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.				
J. M. Hannum	113	11 30	20	31 30
Jas. E. Wooters	224	22 40	20	42 40
H. L. Browning	281	28 10	20	48 10
LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.				
I. H. Todd	281	28 10	30	58 10
John Johnston	1	10	30	30 10
H. C. Mitchell	308	30 80	30	60 80
M. Bates Iott	12	1 20	30	31 20
John W. Hamilton	124	12 40	30	42 40
MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.				
H. A. Snell	231	23 10	20	43 10
Chester E. Allen	163	16 30	20	36 30
Edward Cook	2	20	20	20 20
Wm. B. Wright	199	19 90	20	39 90
MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.				
W. F. Beck	231	23 10	30	53 10
G. A. Lackens	218	21 80	30	51 80
H. T. Goddard	249	24 90	30	54 90
OBITUARIES.				
C. H. Thompson	365	36 50	20	56 50
C. N. Hambleton	251	25 10	20	45 10
S. W. Eldred	263	26 30	20	46 30
PETITIONS.				
Ben Hagle	228	22 80	20	42 80
F. E. Baldwin	215	21 50	20	41 50
J. E. Wheat	110	11 00	20	31 00
RAILROADS AND TRANSPORTATION.				
O. E. Tandy	215	21 50	20	41 50
J. O. Clifford	25	2 50	20	22 50
TO EXAMINE VISITORS.				
R. F. Morrow	207	20 70	15	35 70
A. H Scroggin	110	11 00	15	26 00
S. S. Borden	7	70	15	15 70
Chas. H. Martin	226	22 60	15	37 60
Chas. S. DeHart	238	23 80	15	38 80
SPECIAL COMMITTEES.				
TRUSTEES ILLINOIS MASONIC HOME.				
Henry W. Berks	128	12 80	20	32 80
James A. Steele	176	17 60	20	37 60
Geo. M. Moulton	1	10	20	20 10
Owen Scott	173	17 30	20	37 30
Robert J. Daley	5	50	20	20 50
Thomas E. Miller	1	10	20	20 10
TO PREPARE LAWS FOR NEW LODGES.				
A. B. Ashley	15	1 50	20	21 50
D. D. Darrah	126	12 60	20	32 60
H. T. Burnap	259	25 90	20	45 90

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Bodley	1	S. O. Pearce	263	$ 26 30	$6	$32 30
Equality	2	F. O. Sawyer	307	30 70	6	36 70
Harmony	3	J. S. Hackett	215	21 50	6	27 50
Springfield	4	Louis M. Myers	185	18 50	6	24 50
Friendship	7	James O. Barley	98	9 80	6	15 80
Macon	8	Herbert C. Bush	173	17 30	6	23 30
Rushville	9	Thos. E. Bottenberg	227	22 70	6	28 70
St. John's	13	Frederick E. Hoberg	100	10 00	6	16 00
Warren	14	R. B. Hooker	310	31 00	6	37 00
Peoria	15	John F. Johnson	150	15 00	6	21 00
Temperance	16	N. C. Gochenour	230	23 00	6	29 00
Macomb	17	S. P. Odenweller	203	20 30	6	26 30
Clinton	19	John Boden	188	18 80	6	24 80
Hancock	20	R. C. Williams	238	23 80	6	29 80
Cass	23	John W. Fagan	225	22 50	4	26 50
St. Clair	24	W. A. Hough	295	29 50	6	35 50
Franklin	25	I. G. Seitz	259	25 90	6	31 90
Piasa	27	Geo T. Davis	257	25 70	6	31 70
Pekin	29	Chas. Zoeller	158	15 80	6	21 80
Mt. Vernon	31	Wainwright Davis	274	27 40	6	33 40
Oriental	33	Franklin C. Catlin	1	10	6	6 10
Barry	34	O. K. Garrett	263	26 30	6	32 30
Charleston	35	O. B. Root	182	18 20	6	24 20
Kavanaugh	36	Edward A. Laign	144	14 40	4	20 40
Monmouth	37	J. B. C. Lutz	179	17 90	6	23 90
Olive Branch	38	W. Y. Ludwig	124	12 40	6	18 40
Herman	39	Henry C. Mueller	263	26 30	6	32 30
Occidental	40	Walter E. Speekman	84	8 40	6	14 40
Mt. Joliet	42	J. W. Brackway	37	3 70	6	9 70
Bloomington	43	Frank C. Fisher	126	12 60	6	18 60
Hardin	44	John A. Bond	225	22 50	6	28 50
Griggsville	45	John Craven, Jr	246	24 60	6	30 60
Temple	46	W. H. Coleman, Jr	150	15 00	6	21 00
Caledonia	47	F. M. Stringer	368	36 80	6	42 80
Unity	48	L. C Caldwell	36	3 60	6	9 60
Cambridge	49	Gust Eastland	154	15 40	6	21 40
Carrollton	50	Robert E. Runnill	249	24 90	6	30 90
Mt. Moriah	51	R. E. Gifford	239	23 90	6	29 90
Benevolent	52	Wm. A. Schmidt	238	23 80	6	29 80
Jackson	53	Wm. Taylor	195	19 50	6	25 50
Washington	55	L. T. Phillips	277	27 70	6	33 70
Trio	57	J. W. Howder	164	16 40	6	22 40
Fraternal	58	Alonzo T. Pepher	146	14 60	6	20 60
New Boston	59	C. L. Willits	189	18 90	6	24 90
Belvidere	60	Max M. Lucas	78	7 80	6	13 80
Lacon	61	Lewis T. Wood	128	12 80	6	18 80
Benton	64	J. E. Webster	307	30 70	6	36 70
Euclid	65	Newton J. Wagner	29	2 90	6	8 90
Pacific	66	L. A. Jackson	168	16 80	6	22 80
Acacia	67	Elmer Tregoy	93	9 90	6	15 90
Eureka	69	Clark H. Smith	170	17 00	6	23 00
Central	71	Geo. M. Weakley	185	18 50	6	24 50
Rockton	74	C. B. Williamson	102	10 20	6	16 20
Roscoe	75	C. A. Ransom	86	8 60	6	14 60
Mt. Nebo	76	Chas H. Woods	224	22 40	6	28 40
Prairie	77	J. B. Garrison	160	16 00	6	22 00
Waukegan	78	L. A. Hendee	36	3 60	6	9 60

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total.
Scott	79	J. Q. Roane	262	$26 20	$6	$32 20
Whitehall	80	J. H. Winters	240	24 00	6	30 00
Vitruvius	81	Adam Metzer	30	3 00	6	9 00
DeWitt	84	Sherman S. Hull	148	14 80	6	20 80
Mitchell	85	E. F. Bartle	290	29 00	6	35 00
Kaskaskia	86	Wm. M. Schuwerk	313	31 30	6	37 30
Mt. Pulaski	87	H. W. Schafer	169	16 90	6	22 90
Havana	88	C. E. Walsh	188	18 80	6	24 80
Fellowship	89	A. M. Edwards	326	32 60	6	38 60
Jerusalem Temple	90	H. D. Hamper	37	3 70	6	9 70
Metropolis	91	John M. Boecourt	366	36 60	6	42 60
Stewart	92	Jos. Dobbs	159	15 90	6	21 90
Toulon	93	Wm. E. Nixon	144	14 40	6	20 40
Perry	95	C. F. Beatty	252	25 20	6	31 20
Samuel H. Davis	96	Gregor Thompson	96	9 60	6	15 60
Excelsior	97	Ray L. Burkhart	114	11 40	6	17 40
Taylor	98	L. J. Kem	134	13 40	4	17 40
Edwardsville	99	Cyrus A. Geer	267	26 70	6	32 70
Astoria	100	A. E. Scott	218	21 80	4	25 80
Rockford	102	Richard F. Locke	87	8 70	6	14 70
Magnolia	103	Perry Dakin	123	12 30	6	18 30
Lewistown	104	Grier Hanson	194	19 40	6	25 40
Winchester	105	Joseph K. Gordon	235	23 50	6	29 50
Lancaster	106	John I. Maple	164	16 40	6	22 40
Versailles	108	H. T. Williams	246	24 60	6	30 60
Trenton	109	James S. Anderson	278	27 80	6	33 80
Lebanon	110	Edwin P. Baker	286	28 60	6	34 60
Jonesboro	111	W. A. Rendleman	330	33 00	6	39 00
Bureau	112	H. L. Parker	104	10 40	6	16 40
Robert Burns	113	A. R. Wycoff	193	19 30	6	25 30
Marcelline	114	F. P. Taylor	271	27 10	6	33 10
Rising Sun	115	C. J. Wrightman	46	4 60	6	10 60
Vermont	116	Chas. Jenkins	211	21 10	6	27 10
Elgin	117	W. H. Newton	37	3 70	6	9 70
Waverly	118	Newton B. Rohrer	210	21 00	6	27 00
Mound	122	C. N. Miller	202	20 20	6	26 20
Oquawka	123	W. S. Wilson	202	20 20	6	26 20
Cedar	124	M. B. Hull	62	6 20	6	12 20
Greenup	125	J. W. Ozier	194	19 40	6	25 40
Empire	126	J. F. Kaylor	158	15 80	6	21 80
Antioch	127	John A. Thain	55	5 50	6	11 50
Raleigh	128	W. P. Cable	304	30 40	6	36 40
Greenfield	129	V. N. Kincaid	252	25 20	6	31 20
Marion	130	J. M. Morrow	249	24 90	6	30 90
Golconda	131	J. H. Benham	372	37 20	6	43 20
Mackinaw	132	Roy H. Peffer	146	14 60	6	20 60
Marshall	133	J. R. Burnett	177	17 70	6	23 70
Sycamore	134	A. E. Hammerschmidt	52	5 20	6	11 20
Lima	135	A. K. Cony	276	27 60	6	33 60
Hutsonville	136	C. G. Pearce	197	19 70	6	25 70
Polk	137	O. J. Davis	305	30 50	6	36 50
Marengo	138	D. E. Loomis	66	6 60	6	12 60
Geneva	139	C. A. Lindahl	36	3 60	6	9 60
Olney	140	A. T. Telford	231	23 10	6	29 10
Garden City	141	J. H. Wylie	1	10	6	6 10
Ames	142	C. E. Simington	120	12 00	6	18 00
Richmond	143	A. M. Gibbs	63	6 30	6	12 30
DeKalb	144	C. J. L. Borline	58	5 80	6	11 80
A. W. Rawson	145	E. R. Kidder	101	10 10	6	16 10
Lee Center	146	F. M. Blowers	95	9 50	6	15 50
Clayton	147	J. L. Tarbox	242	24 20	6	30 20
Bloomfield	148	H. E. Schmitster	147	14 70	6	20 70
Effingham	149	W. M. Stewart	199	19 90	6	25 90
Vienna	150	Thos. E Gillespie	340	34 00	6	40 00
Bunker Hill	151	E. R. Welch	250	25 00	6	31 00

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Fidelity	152	O. P. Erwin	240	$24 00	$6	$30 00
Clay	153	O. J. Hagebush	267	26 78	6	32 70
Russell	154	D. H. Bowen	135	13 50	6	19 50
Alpha	155	Chas. Burkhardt	163	16 30	6	22 30
Delavan	156	A. R. Patzer	157	15 70	6	21 70
Urbana	157	Benjamin Bing	130	13 00	6	19 00
McHenry	158	W. F. Gallaher	46	4 60	6	10 60
Kewanee	159	L. L. Priestman	131	13 10	6	19 10
Waubansia	160	P. E. Statefeld	1	10	6	6 10
Virden	161	B. C. Coor	207	20 70	6	26 70
Hope	162	S. E. Grigg	299	29 90	6	35 90
Edward Dobbins	164	J. A. E. Black	225	22 50	6	28 50
Atlanta	165	F. C. Bowden	146	14 60	6	20 60
Star in the East	166	Wm. E. Jaycox	87	8 70	6	14 70
Milford	168	E. W. Scott	88	8 80	6	14 80
Nunda	169	Wm. W. Roberts	43	4 30	6	10 30
Evergreen	170	Jos. M. Brown	114	11 40	9	17 40
Girard	171	J. D. Smith	211	21 10	6	27 10
Wayne	172	J. B. Hollibaugh	152	15 20	6	21 20
Cherry Valley	173	Hosea B. Kezar	84	8 40	6	14 40
Lena	174	D. M. DeGraff	126	12 60	6	18 60
Matteson	175	Lawrence Sobson	37	3 70	6	9 70
Mendota	176	E. G. McMackin	84	8 40	6	14 40
Staunton	177	Jas. W. Donaldson	245	24 50	6	30 50
Illinois Central	178	F. L. Doty	95	9 50	6	15 50
Wabash	179	Ernest Chamberlain	180	18 00	6	24 00
Moweaqua	180	Jno. L. Klump	186	18 60	6	24 60
Germania	182	Geo. E. Kochler	2	20	6	6 20
Meridian	183	Geo. S. Wiley	72	7 20	6	13 20
Abingdon	185	A. D. Underwood	173	17 30	6	23 30
Mystic Tie	187	W. F. Schell, Jr.	110	11 00	6	17 00
Cyrus	188	J. C. Mills	128	12 80	6	18 80
Dundee	190	A. Winteringham	48	4 80	6	10 80
Farmington	192	A. A. Luckey	169	16 90	6	22 90
Herrick	193	G. A. Starkweather	224	22 40	6	28 40
Freedom	194	Gustave J. Malaise	75	7 50	6	13 50
La Harpe	195	Geo. E. Campbell	234	23 40	6	29 40
Louisville	196	Alsie N. Tolliver	228	22 80	6	28 80
King Solomon's	197	N. H. Close	257	25 70	6	31 70
Homer	199	Geo. H. Astell	143	14 30	6	20 30
Sheba	200	W. O. Pape	266	26 60	6	32 60
Centralia	201	Richard H. Harn	252	25 20	6	31 20
Lavely	203	S. J. McKinney	173	17 30	6	23 30
Flora	204	C. E. Hemphill	236	23 60	6	29 60
Corinthian	205	Chas. F. Preston	76	7 60	6	13 60
Fairfield	206	Nicholas M. Powell	257	25 70	6	31 70
Tamaroa	207	A. L. Linn	280	28 00	6	34 00
Wilmington	208	John C. Whitmen	53	5 30	6	11 30
Wm. B. Warren	209	Geo. R. Lundy	1	10	6	6 10
Logan	210	Albert Brown	156	15 60	6	21 60
Cleveland	211	Wm. K. Spieck	1	10	6	6 10
Shipman	212	Chas. N. Bullman	238	23 80	6	29 80
Ipava	213	B. S. Diehl	203	20 30	4	24 30
Gillespie	214	J. N. English	240	24 00	6	30 00
Newton	216	Hi Byron Roebuck	214	21 40	6	27 40
Mason	217	Edw. Ruffner	211	21 10	6	27 10
New Salem	218	S. G. Chamie	251	25 10	6	31 10
Oakland	219	Frank S. Winkler	166	16 60	6	22 60
Mahomet	220	F. O. Jahr	141	14 10	6	20 10
Leroy	221	J. E. Mackay	135	13 50	6	19 50
Geo. Washington	222	J. S. Daily	134	13 40	6	19 40
Pana	226	Chas. E. Barnett	202	20 20	6	26 20
Columbus	227	J. Y. Lawless	250	25 00	6	31 00
Lovington	228	W. B. Shirey	168	16 80	6	22 80
Manchester	229	Samuel R. Loar	232	23 20	6	29 20

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
New Haven	230	J. H. Gaddy	297	$29 70	$6	$35 70
Wyanet	231	H. A. Gramer	111	11 10	6	17 10
Farmers	232	H. W. Halefield	373	37 30	6	43 30
Blandinsville	233	W. A. Griggsby	228	22 80	6	28 80
DuQuoin	234	J. W. Hemenway	288	28 80	5	34 80
Dallas City	235	A. P. Layton	222	22 20	6	28 20
Charter Oak	236	P. J. Rose	231	23 10	6	29 10
Cairo	237	W. F. Gibson	365	36 50	6	42 50
Black Hawk	238	O. C. McCartney	243	24 30	6	30 30
Mt. Carmel	239	W. A. Stansfield	249	24 90	6	30 90
Western Star	240	Frank M. Browne	128	12 80	6	18 80
Shekinah	241	Frank M. Caldwell	308	30 80	5	36 80
Galva	243	V. A. Weyren	139	13 90	4	17 90
Horicon	244	J. E. Barber	75	7 50	6	13 50
Greenville	245	Edgar E. Cox	248	24 80	6	30 80
El Paso	246	Chester F. Curtiss	117	11 70	6	17 70
Rob Morris	247	H. A. Millard	113	11 30	4	15 30
Golden Gate	248	Jas. A. Rose	186	18 60	6	24 60
Hibbard	249	S. G. Brown	246	24 60	6	30 60
Robinson	250	F. E. Lathrop	205	20 50	6	26 50
Heyworth	251	L. T. Rutledge	137	13 70	6	19 70
Aledo	252	Elmer E. Bower	176	17 60	6	23 60
Avon Harmony	253	Geo. A. Tompkins	183	18 30	6	24 50
Aurora	254	Walter Lintott	37	3 70	6	9 70
Donnelson	255	A. M. Sharp	245	24 50	6	30 50
Warsaw	257	C. C. Crawford	248	24 80	6	30 80
Mattoon	260	G. N. Todd	172	17 20	6	23 20
Amon	261	C. W. Cardiff	139	13 90	6	19 90
Channahon	262	Alfred A. Meredith	55	5 50	6	11 50
Illinois	263	O. J. Zimmerman	150	15 00	6	21 00
Franklin Grove	264	E. P. Harrison	88	8 80	6	14 80
Vermilion	265	Albertus Dickson	142	14 20	6	20 20
Kingston	266	L. M. Morrison	265	26 50	6	32 50
La Prairie	267	Everett E. Wolfe	236	23 60	6	29 60
Paris	268	M. J. Gallaher	160	16 00	6	22 00
Wheaton	269	Arthur L. Perrottet	25	2 50	6	8 50
Levi Lusk	270	S. P. Prescott	92	9 20	6	15 20
Blaney	271	S. Wm. Polkey	1	10	6	6 10
Carmi	272	T. H. Land	282	28 20	6	34 20
Miners	273	S. J. Hughlett	165	16 50	6	22 50
Byron	274	J. M. Heald	83	8 30	6	14 30
Milton	275	Coston Clemmons	259	25 90	6	31 90
Elizabeth	276	Richard F. Taylor	337	33 70	6	39 70
Accordia	277	Ernst Keppler	4	40	6	6 40
Jo Daviess	278	John H. Thornton	138	13 80	6	19 80
Neoga	279	W. R. Whitney	184	18 40	6	24 40
Kansas	280	Frank S. Anderson	174	17 40	6	23 40
Brooklyn	282	Floyd B. Johnson	82	8 20	6	14 20
Meteor	283	Thos. McNiece	56	5 60	6	11 60
Catlin	285	Walter T. Boggers	129	12 90	6	18 90
Plymouth	286	R. L. Cloud	222	22 20	6	28 20
De Soto	287	Marian Kelley	302	30 20	6	36 20
Genoa	288	Elmer A. Soners	59	5 90	6	11 90
Wataga	291	Hamilton Taylor	155	15 50	6	21 50
Chenoa	292	LeRoy A. Knapp	102	10 20	6	16 20
Dills	295	W. E. Downey	256	25 60	6	31 60
Quincy	296	F. W. Chumbley	263	26 30	6	32 30
Benjamin	297	Jont Ensminger	241	24 10	6	30 10
Wauconda	298	Martin E. Fuller	40	4 00	6	10 00
Hinckley	301	L. E. Davis	57	5 70	6	11 70
Durand	302	S. J. Randall	104	10 40	6	16 40
Raven	303	L. P. Voss	44	4 40	6	10 40
Onarga	305	Ira W. Furby	85	8 50	6	14 50
W. C. Hobbs	306	Julius L. Kramer	131	13 10	6	19 10
T. J. Pickett	307	George D. Bell	192	19 20	6	25 20

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LODGE	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Ashlar	308	J. Reynoldstein	1	$ 10	$6	$ 6 10
Harvard	309	W. C. Willington	62	6 20	6	12 20
Dearborn	310	Edward R. Roe	3	30	6	6 30
Kilwinning	311	Albert S. Groshon	1	10	6	6 10
Ionic	312	R. C. Peck	173	17 30	6	23 30
York	313	T. W. Richards	195	19 50	6	25 50
Palatine	314	H. H. Pahiman	26	2 60	6	8 60
Abraham Jonas	316	Frank F. Butzow	99	9 90	4	13 90
J. L. Anderson	318	H. M. Holmes	226	22 60	6	28 60
Doric	319	Geo. W. Flood	164	16 40	6	22 40
Creston	320	Jos. W. Shaw	70	7 00	6	13 00
Dunlap	321	I. D. Woodford	124	12 40	6	18 40
Windsor	322	R. W. Turner	184	18 40	6	24 40
Orient	323	N. A. Honge	68	6 80	6	12 80
Harrisburg	325	A. G. Abney	306	30 60	6	36 60
Industry	327	W. C. McKamy	215	21 50	6	27 50
Altona	330	A. L. Roby	147	14 70	6	20 70
Mt. Erie	331	Jerry Brink	259	25 90	6	31 90
Tuscola	332	C. G. Stovall	150	15 00	6	21 00
Tyrian	333	J. L. Taylor	185	18 50	6	24 50
Sumner	334	Geo. R. Stout	236	23 60	6	29 60
Schiller	335	Godfrey Wys	150	15 00	6	21 00
New Columbia	336	J. R. T. Fitch	364	36 40	6	42 40
Oneida	337	H. J. Sawyn	151	15 10	6	21 10
Saline	339	Henry Terry	316	31 60	6	37 60
Kedron	340	J. M. Wiswell	193	19 30	6	25 30
Full Moon	341	I. C. Ducan	273	27 30	6	33 30
Summerfield	342	Chas. T. Lang	283	28 30	6	34 30
Wenona	344	C. H. Hiswald	108	10 80	6	16 80
Milledgeville	345	Ray W. Surstine	122	12 20	6	18 20
N. D. Morse	346	V. I. Ball	229	22 90	6	28 90
Sidney	347	John G. Raymond	137	13 70	6	19 70
Russellville	348	W. G. McClure	213	21 30	6	27 30
Sublette	349	A. F. Jewel	93	9 30	6	15 30
Fairview	350	C. D. Snydam	193	19 30	6	25 30
Tarbolton	351	John F. Gondy	98	9 80	6	15 80
Kinderhook	353	A. C. Bancroft	270	27 00	6	33 00
Ark and Anchor	354	Geo. W. Jones	201	20 10	6	26 10
Marine	355	Wesley Stone	256	25 60	6	31 60
Hermitage	356	Joseph White	262	26 20	6	32 20
Orion	358	A. J. Holmes	62	6 20	6	12 20
Blackberry	359	Sam C. Peck	44	4 40	6	10 40
Princeville	360	A. H. Sloan	149	14 90	6	20 90
Douglas	361	L. J. Scheve	302	30 20	6	36 20
Noble	362	Jas. Smith	239	23 90	6	29 90
Horeb	363	C. A. Vance	163	16 30	6	22 30
Tonica	364	Ray Richardson	108	10 80	6	16 80
Bement	365	Thos. J. Tucker	153	15 30	6	21 30
Arcola	366	J. A. Wesch	158	15 80	6	21 80
Oxford	367	F. A. Gibson	160	16 00	6	22 00
Jefferson	368	G. S. Brown	290	29 00	6	35 00
Newman	369	J. W. Hanners	166	16 60	6	22 60
Livingston	371	W. J. Drew	74	7 40	6	13 40
Chambersburg	373	S. J. Hobbs	246	24 60	6	30 60
Shabbona	374	M. Bloomingdale	67	6 70	6	12 70
Aroma	378	O. L. Day	61	6 10	6	12 10
Payson	379	Jacob Hinckle	278	27 80	6	33 80
Liberty	380	E. W. Pond	283	28 30	6	34 30
Gill	382	Thos. Dodsworth	223	22 30	6	28 30
LaMoille	383	Chas. B. Stauffer	92	9 20	6	15 20
Waltham	384	John C. Brown	94	9 40	6	15 40
Mississippi	385	W. A. Bristol	138	13 80	6	19 80
Bridgeport	386	C. A. Cullison	229	22 90	6	28 90
El Dara	388	W. F. Reynolds	260	26 00	6	32 00
Kankakee	389	Gen. J. Wohn	56	5 60	6	11 60

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Ashmore	390	J. G. Dudly	178	$17 80	$6	$23 80
Tolono	391	Justin P. Crawford	137	13 70	6	19 70
Oconee	392	J. W. Heckethorn	209	20 90	4	24 90
Blair	393	G. F. Ballard	1	10	6	6 10
Jerseyville	394	C. W. Johns	260	26 00	6	32 00
Muddy Point	396	L. F. Beals	183	18 30	6	24 30
Shiloh	397	Ira S. Geft	80	8 00	6	14 00
Kinmundy	398	John W. Doolen	229	22 90	6	28 90
Buda	399	T. A. Zink	117	11 70	6	17 70
Odell	401	John L. Tombaugh	82	8 20	6	14 20
Kishwaukee	402	F. W. Stark	62	6 20	6	12 20
Mason City	403	J. F. Rissinger	172	17 20	6	23 20
Batavia	404	Frank G. Downs	38	3 80	6	9 80
Ramsey	405	Mason V. Carter	219	21 90	6	27 90
Bethalto	406	H. L. Windsor	261	26 10	6	32 10
Stratton	408	Oliver Sonder	166	16 60	6	22 60
Thos. J. Turner	409	August H. Bulge	1	10	6	6 10
Mithra	410	Chas. Oestrich	2	20	6	6 20
Hesperia	411	Frank Sturgess	1	10	6	6 10
Bollen	412	Silas Wait	137	13 70	6	19 70
Evening Star	414	C. A. R. Stabeck	109	10 90	6	16 90
Lawn Ridge	415	Grant Burdick	163	16 30	6	22 30
Paxton	416	H. B. Henderson	103	10 30	6	16 30
Freeburg	418	L. G. Joseph	303	30 30	6	36 30
Reynoldsburg	419	H. C. McCay	334	33 40	6	39 40
Oregon	420	John Nugent	91	9 10	6	15 10
Washburn	421	Chas. H. Ireland	127	12 70	6	18 70
Landmark	422	John H. Riddel	4	40	6	6 40
Lanark	423	J. R. Snively	120	12 00	6	18 00
Exeter	424	W. H. Sappington	232	23 20	6	29 20
Scottville	426	Jas. B. Ogg	223	22 30	6	28 30
Red Bud	427	John J. Fox	318	31 80	6	37 80
Sunbeam	428	D. M. Baird	52	5 20	6	11 20
Chebanse	429	Wm. O. Brown	64	6 40	6	12 40
Kendrick	430	Lee F. Marton	248	24 80	6	30 80
Summit	431	C. C. Nye	177	17 70	6	23 70
Murrayville	432	C. C. Self	227	22 70	6	28 70
Annawan	433	Frank W. Ole	152	15 20	6	21 20
Makanda	434	George Granger	316	31 60	6	37 60
Philo	436	John Fife	152	15 20	6	21 20
Chicago	437	Sidney S. Pollack	1	10	6	6 10
Camargo	440	Fred Ebel	156	15 60	6	21 60
Sparland	441	T. Van Antwerp	130	13 00	6	19 00
Casey	442	Ralph M. Brook	186	18 60	6	24 60
Hamshire	443	Ed. T. Crack	51	5 10	6	11 10
Cave-in-Rock	444	C. A. Okevson	333	33 30	6	39 30
Chesterfield	445	E. C. Harper	233	23 30	6	29 30
Watseka	446	Jas. P. Baily	77	7 70	6	13 70
S. D. Monroe	447	E. H. Mills	217	21 70	6	27 70
Yates City	448	T. J. Kightlinger	164	16 40	6	22 40
Mendon	449	Jacob Funk	263	26 30	6	32 30
Loami	450	N. W. Colburn	199	19 90	6	25 90
Bromwell	451	W. H. Mellharn	193	19 30	6	25 30
New Hartford	453	Geo. N. Ellis	262	26 20	6	32 20
Maroa	454	Chas J. Spooner	157	15 70	6	21 70
Irving	455	C. E. Padgitt	233	23 30	6	29 30
Nokomis	456	Joseph H Weinstein	224	22 40	7	28 40
Blazing Star	458	G. W. Erwin	332	33 20	6	39 20
Jeffersonville	460	W. E. Margan	251	25 10	6	31 10
Plainview	461	W. J. Dohahu	234	23 40	4	27 40
Tremont	462	R. L. Smith	153	15 30	6	21 30
Palmyra	463	C. E. Wheeler	221	22 10	6	28 10
Denver	464	W. E. Scott	247	24 70	6	30 70
Huntsville	465	John Melvin	234	23 40	6	29 40
Cobden	466	H. D. Lawrence	323	32 30	6	38 30

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVES	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
South Macon	467	E. O. Willoughby	180	$18 00	$6	$24 00
Cheney's Grove	468	T. W. Nixon	118	11 80	6	17 80
McLean	469	Warley C. Smith	141	14 10	6	20 10
Rantoul	470	Henry M. Morris	114	11 40	6	17 40
Kendall	471	R. D. Chappell	49	4 90	6	10 90
Amity	472	H. P. Bartlett	30	3 00	6	9 00
Gordon	473	W. S. Hilbert	258	25 80	6	31 80
Columbia	474	Henry Rueck	295	29 50	6	35 50
Walshville	475	Elzie Carmon	239	23 90	4	27 90
Manito	476	Jas. A. McComas	164	16 40	6	22 40
Pleiades	478	Alf Johnson	3	30	6	6 30
Wyoming	479	Geo. E. Scott	137	13 70	6	19 70
Momence	481	J. M. Eyler	52	5 20	6	11 20
Lexington	482	Chas. D. Lawrence	110	11 00	6	17 00
Edgewood	484	John M. Lieb	214	21 40	6	27 40
Xenia	485	Alex S. Jessup	244	24 40	6	30 40
Bowen	486	C. P. Jacobs	244	24 40	6	30 40
Andrew Jackson	487	Frank H. Pease	326	32 60	6	38 60
Clay City	488	C. W. Tolnier	242	24 20	6	30 20
Cooper	489	John W. Ransdell	212	21 20	6	27 20
Martin	491	M. J. Platt	181	18 10	6	24 10
Libertyville	492	John Austin	36	3 60	6	9 60
Tower Hill	493	John Warren	204	20 40	6	26 40
Stone Fort	495	J. H. Blackman	318	31 80	6	37 80
Colchester	496	J. E. Shields	210	21 00	6	27 00
Alma	497	F. A. Wnarowski	305	30 50	6	36 50
Murphysboro	498	G. J. Koons	316	31 60	6	37 60
St. Paul	500	George Taylor, Jr	185	18 50	6	24 50
Stark	501	Alex H. White	145	14 50	6	20 50
Woodhull	502	F. W. Overstreet	153	15 30	6	21 30
Odin	503	Chas. E. Sloan	244	24 40	6	30 40
East St. Louis	504	W. H. Stiner	281	28 10	6	34 10
Meridian Sun	505	E. F. Gates	74	7 40	6	13 40
O. H. Miner	506	N. D. Pearce	76	7 60	6	13 60
Home	508	Geo. Ephgrdre	3	30	6	6 30
Parkersburg	509	B. R. Falley	242	24 20	6	30 20
J. D. Moody	510	J. A. Hindman	258	25 80	6	31 80
Wade-Barney	512	F. L. Muhl	126	12 60	6	18 60
Bradford	514	E. H. Phenix	128	12 80	6	18 80
Andalusia	516	Carl J. Seastrand	178	17 80	6	23 80
Litchfield	517	W. D. Lipe	231	23 10	6	29 10
Abraham Lincoln	518	J. F. Kyler	185	18 50	6	24 50
Roseville	519	Chas. Carr	191	19 10	4	23 10
Anna	520	E. S. Alden	329	32 90	6	38 90
Illiopolis	521	H. C. Roberts	186	18 60	6	24 60
Monitor	522	Ed. F. Prideaux	37	3 70	6	9 70
Chatham	523	W. H. Whitney	194	19 40	6	25 40
Evans	524	A. W. Gould	12	1 20	6	7 20
Delia	525	Jas. D. Marshall	213	21 30	6	27 30
Covenant	526	Geo. N. Schmitt	1	10	6	6 10
Rossville	527	John Maury	105	10 50	6	16 50
Minooka	528	A. C. Heap	51	5 10	6	11 10
Adams	529	M. W. Bowker	283	28 30	6	34 30
Maquon	530	G. G. Schearer	172	17 20	6	23 20
Ashton	531	John D. Charters	84	8 40	6	14 40
Seneca	532	H. R. Thomas	72	7 20	6	13 20
Altamont	533	S. S. Smith	211	21 10	6	27 10
Cuba	534	C. L. Fink	191	19 10	6	25 10
Sherman	535	G. H. Wayne	164	16 40	6	22 40
Plainfield	536	C. M. Reeves	48	4 80	6	10 80
J. R. Gorin	537	D. J. Halterman	142	14 20	6	20 20
Lockport	538	C. H. Foster	33	3 30	6	9 30
Chatsworth	539	S. S. Hitch	97	9 70	6	15 70
Oak Park	540	S. B. Harvey	9	90	6	6 90
Stewardson	541	J. B. Singer	195	19 50	6	25 50

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LODGE	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Towanda	542	H. E. Tilbury	118	$11 80	$6	$17 80
Cordova	543	Wm. R. Freek	153	15 30	6	21 30
Virginia	544	R. E. Simmons	210	21 00	6	27 00
Valley	547	T. L. Bedford	176	17 60	6	23 60
Sharon	550	C. R. Condit	123	12 30	6	18 30
Plum River	554	A. M. Smith	126	12 60	6	18 60
Humboldt	555	Oscar Formhals	84	8 40	6	14 40
Dawson	556	A. E. Stoker	196	19 60	6	25 60
Lessing	557	H. W. Huttmann	2	20	6	6 20
Leland	558	A. A. Clapsaddle	66	6 60	4	10 60
Thomson	559	A. P. Atherton	143	14 30	6	20 30
Madison	560	Oscar Latowsky	258	25 80	6	31 80
Trinity	562	C. H. Shuler	359	35 90	6	41 90
Winslow	564	Wm. Van Matre	133	13 30	6	19 30
Pleasant Hill	565	W. A. Windmiller	266	26 60	6	32 60
Albany	566	Louis Hoobler	144	14 40	6	20 40
Frankfort	567	N. J. Henson	314	31 40	6	37 40
Time	569	C. E. Bagby	260	26 00	6	32 00
Jacksonville	570	R. C. Singley	215	21 50	6	27 50
Bardolph	572	H. A. Maxwell	197	19 70	6	25 70
Gardner	573	Walter Ferguson	65	6 50	6	12 50
Pera	574	E. M. Hamilton	108	10 80	6	16 80
Capron	575	A. R. Montgomery	70	7 00	4	11 00
O'Fallon	576	A. B. Gordon	291	29 10	6	35 10
Viola	577	F. D. Sexton	167	16 70	6	22 70
Prairie City	578	Geo. H. White	209	20 90	6	26 90
Hazel Dell	580	J. T. Adams	198	19 80	6	25 80
Dongola	581	J. H. Eddleman	338	33 80	6	39 80
Shirley	582	H. H. William	132	13 20	6	19 20
Highland	583	Adolph Moseman	267	26 70	6	32 70
Vesper	584	E. A. Johnson	163	16 30	6	22 30
Fisher	585	N. E. Porter	194	19 40	6	25 40
Princeton	587	Jas. L. Norman	104	10 40	6	16 40
Troy	588	H. A. Camedy	278	27 80	6	33 80
Fairmount	590	W. H. Goodwin	137	13 70	6	19 70
Gilman	591	G. L. Harris	81	8 10	6	14 10
Fieldon	592	Chas. W. Brown	272	27 20	6	33 20
Miles Hart	595	H. L. Blythe	198	19 80	6	25 80
Cerro Gordo	600	John W. Vent	163	16 30	6	22 30
Farina	601	F. E. Hewitt	223	22 30	6	28 30
Watson	602	J. F. Henderson	206	20 60	6	26 60
Clark	603	J. I. Brydon	186	18 60	6	24 60
Hebron	604	W. M. Miller	74	7 40	6	13 40
Streator	607	E. M. Griggs	94	9 40	6	15 40
Piper	608	C. A. McClain	91	9 10	6	15 10
Sheldon	609	C. H. Christianson	85	8 50	6	14 50
Union Park	610	J. R. Lewis	3	30	6	6 30
Lincoln Park	611	O. A. Kropf	2	20	6	6 20
Rock River	612	J. B. Burleigh	110	11 00	6	17 00
Patoka	613	J. S. Hudskett	247	24 70	6	30 70
Forest	614	H. M. Miller	93	9 30	6	15 30
Wadley	616	Burley Jones	227	22 70	6	28 70
Good Hope	617	G. C. James	218	21 80	6	27 80
Basco	618	Albert Naegelin	244	24 40	6	30 40
New Hope	620	Jas. Snyder	197	19 70	6	25 70
Hopedale	622	H. Jennings	149	14 90	6	20 90
Locust	623	Wm. Crawford	210	21 00	6	27 00
Union	627	W. J. Damron	339	33 90	6	39 90
Tuscan	630	J. W. McGhee	305	30 50	6	36 50
Norton	631	W. R. Watts	80	8 00	6	14 00
Ridge Farm	632	F. M. Hole	40	14 00	6	20 00
E. F. W. Ellis	633	F. H. Gregory	87	8 70	6	14 70
Buckley	634	Edwin Hull	93	9 30	6	15 30
Rochester	635	J. D. Hunter	193	19 30	6	23 30
Peotone	636	W. E. Imholz	40	4 00	6	10 00

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Keystone	639	Sam Lewis	2	$ 20	$6	$ 6 20
Comet	641	M. H. Hand	144	14 40	6	20 40
Apollo	642	D. H. Shoukair	3	30	6	6 30
D. C. Cregier	643	C. W. Bastgen	2	20	6	6 20
Oblong City	644	J. G. Brown	215	21 50	6	27 50
San Jose	645	John Fryer	163	16 30	6	22 30
Somonauk	646	Dan H. Knight	59	5 90	6	11 90
Blueville	647	H. T. Gardner	202	20 20	6	26 20
Camden	648	Thos. Hesler	240	24 00	6	30 00
Atwood	651	A. J. Quick	160	16 00	6	22 00
Greenview	653	C. H. Derry	180	18 00	6	24 00
Yorktown	655	T. A. Durnon	121	12 10	6	18 10
Mozart	656	Wm. Fey	126	12 60	6	18 60
Lafayette	657	J. T. Evans	333	33 30	4	37 30
Rock Island	658	O. H. Schwenker	164	16 40	6	22 40
Lambert	659	H. C. Bruhu	263	26 30	6	32 30
Grand Chain	660	J. M. Jones	353	35 30	6	41 30
South Park	662	T. A. Hewitt	6	60	6	6 60
Mayo	664	Jacob S. Clagg	223	22 30	6	28 30
Beecher City	665	F. B. Huffman	214	21 40	6	27 40
Crawford	666	Jas. T. Atheys	214	21 40	6	27 40
Erie	667	G. E. Thomson	133	13 30	6	19 30
Burnt Prairie	668	Geo. H. Brown	272	27 20	6	33 20
Herder	669	F. Hyszowerski-Hyson	3	30	6	6 30
Fillmore	670	V. A. Bost	234	23 40	6	29 40
Eddyville	672	E. S. Barger	333	33 30	6	39 30
Normal	673	Frank Phillips	124	12 40	6	18 40
Waldeck	674	Philip Weicker	4	40	6	6 40
A. O. Fay	676	W. H. Thomas	23	2 30	6	8 30
Enfield	677	W. R. Miller	277	27 70	6	33 70
Illinois City	679	M. M. Marquis	189	18 90	6	24 90
Clement	680	O. W. Jacobson	171	17 10	6	23 10
Morrisonville	681	Geo. M. Wilson	211	21 10	6	27 10
Blue Mound	682	A. A. Bauer	187	18 70	6	24 70
Burnside	683	G. W. Carlisle	225	22 50	6	28 50
Galatia	684	John T. Ryan	307	30 70	6	36 70
Rio	685	E. J. Tye	163	16 30	6	22 30
Garfield	686	Geo. E. Haley	5	50	6	6 50
Orangeville	687	W. A. Musser	126	12 60	6	18 60
Clifton	688	Peter Wright	69	6 90	6	12 90
Englewood	690	John C. Kane	8	80	6	6 80
Iola	691	Eli Patrich	221	22 10	6	28 10
Raymond	692	A. W. Jones	220	22 00	6	28 00
Herrin's Prairie	693	A. A. McMurray	321	32 10	6	38 10
Shiloh Hill	695	L. E. Dudenbostle	311	31 10	6	37 10
Belle Rive	696	I. D. Hampton	293	29 30	6	35 30
Richard Cole	697	C. A. Ehrensworth	4	40	6	6 40
Hutton	698	Carron Lawyer	193	19 30	6	25 30
Pleasant Plains	700	W. H. Dosand	201	20 10	6	26 10
Temple Hill	701	R. C. Green	367	36 70	6	42 70
Alexandria	702	J. R. McCall	172	17 20	6	23 20
Braidwood	704	J. W. Patterson	57	5 70	6	11 70
Ewing	705	D. C. Fitzgerald	298	29 80	6	35 80
Joppa	706	R. H. Fryzzell	208	20 80	6	26 80
Farmer City	710	John W. Kendall	130	13 00	6	19 00
Providence	711	Robert Schmook	10	1 00	6	7 00
Collinsville	712	Samuel Harrison	286	28 60	6	34 60
Johnsonville	713	E. M. Turner	252	25 20	6	31 20
Newton	714	D. M. Fowler	119	11 90	6	17 90
Elvaston	715	S. A. Symmonds	237	23 70	6	29 70
Calumet	716	Robert Arens	16	1 60	6	7 60
Arcana	717	Thos. McManns	1	10	6	6 10
May	718	Ira Shain	285	28 50	6	34 50
Chapel Hill	719	N. A. Norris	323	32 30	6	38 30
Rome	721	J. R. Walker	271	27 10	6	33 10

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LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
Walnut	722	O. Baechler	110	$11 00	$6	$17 00
Omaha	723	Seth W. Hollemen	292	29 20	6	35 20
Chandlerville	724	Albert Amant	207	20 70	6	26 70
Rankin	725	H. J. Bauers	111	11 10	6	17 10
Golden Rule	726	Franklin P. Dean	1	10	6	6 10
Raritan	727	Jos. Tilley	201	20 10	6	26 10
Lake Creek	729	M. Ozment	320	32 00	6	38 00
Eldorado	730	Roy Gregg	297	29 70	6	35 70
Harbor	731	B. T. Hedges	12	1 20	6	7 20
Carman	732	W. C. Vaughn	212	21 20	6	27 20
Gibson	733	J. H. White	110	11 00	6	17 00
Morning Star	734	John B. Sympson	181	18 10	6	24 10
Sheridan	735	H. M. Powers	64	6 40	6	12 40
Arrowsmith	737	W. O. Gilbert	125	12 50	6	18 50
Saunemin	738	Dr. C. F. Ross	83	8 30	6	14 30
Lakeside	739	Joseph W. Leverenz	3	30	6	6 30
New Holland	741	James Ryan	168	16 80	6	22 80
Danvers	742	D. G. Maurer	136	13 60	6	19 60
Scott Land	743	J. Frank Jennings	151	15 10	6	21 10
Goode	744	S. C. D. Reo	295	29 50	6	35 50
Winnebago	745	F. J. Waterstreet	94	9 40	6	15 40
Weldon	746	Chas. G. Lisenly	150	15 00	6	21 00
Centennial	747	W. H. Rickey	142	14 20	6	20 20
Alta	748	W. C. Chambers	155	15 50	6	21 50
Akin	749	J. J. Bundy	316	31 60	6	37 60
Lyndon	750	P. C. Riley	123	12 30	4	16 30
Lounsbury	751	E. F. Wishman	32	3 20	6	9 20
Allendale	752	James O. Kogan	241	24 10	6	30 10
Ogden	754	Abner Silkey	144	14 40	6	20 40
Pre-emption	755	S. S. Johnston	185	18 50	6	24 50
Hardinsville	756	Forest S. Hurlbert	218	21 80	6	27 80
Verona	757	C. C. Fenn	75	7 50	6	13 50
Mystic Star	758	Mark D. Taylor	8	80	6	6 80
Orel	759	W. A. Newman	270	27 00	6	33 00
Sibley	761	H. D. Young	105	10 50	6	16 50
Van Meter	762	Joe Johnson	195	19 50	6	25 50
Crete	763	Frank B. Wilder	30	3 00	6	9 00
Sullivan	764	H. C. Shirey	176	17 60	6	23 60
Palace	765	Henry Denhart	12	1 20	6	7 20
Littleton	766	P. M. Powell	236	23 60	4	27 60
Triluminar	767	James W. Swope	12	1 20	6	7 20
Mizpah	768	Lewis M. Russell	5	50	6	6 50
St. Elmo	769	Jos. R. Morrison	217	21 70	6	27 70
LaGrange	770	Harry C. Kinsley	15	1 50	6	7 50
Bay City	771	C. A Golden	384	38 40	6	44 40
New Burnside	772	R. W. Alsbrook	323	32 30	6	38 30
Mansfield	773	W. R. Merserean	131	13 10	6	19 10
Lake View	774	Chas. A. Rohde	5	50	6	6 50
Grand Crossing	776	D. F. King	10	1 00	6	7 00
Ravenswood	777	Emil Jno. Merkey	6	60	6	6 00
Gurney	778	A. T. Hazel	355	35 50	6	41 50
Wright's Grove	779	Albert Nelson	5	50	6	6 50
Siloam	780	Ira J. McDowell	4	40	6	6 40
Potomac	782	J. F. Payne	121	12 10	6	18 10
Constantia	783	Fred W. Grisen	1	10	6	6 10
Beacon Light	784	Fred Johnson	11	1 10	6	7 10
Riverton Union	786	John Marland	191	19 10	6	25 10
Morris	787	Dr. J. C. Fultz	304	30 40	6	36 40
Lerna	788	W. H. Williams	178	17 80	6	23 80
Auburn Park	789	Geo. L. Watson	8	80	6	6 80
Pittsfield	790	Roy D. Pla tner	254	25 40	6	31 40
Broadlands	791	Harry Allen	155	15 50	6	21 50
Calhoun	792	Gewert H. Wintzen	272	27 20	6	33 20
A. T. Darrah	793	Clark Harold	165	16 50	6	22 50

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE	Miles	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total
Tadmor	794	John W. Pyler	329	$32 90	$6	$38 90
Myrtle	795	Harry W. Boos	7	70	6	6 70
E. M. Husted	796	W. A. Jolly	237	23 70	6	29 70
Normal Park	797	Oliver M. Zeis	7	70	6	6 70
Sidell	798	Joseph S. Smith	146	14 60	6	20 60
Colfax	799	Wm. Gaddis	119	11 90	4	15 90
Kenwood	800	Alfred E. Dulton	4	40	6	6 40
Sangamon	801	H. L. Wardlow	124	12 40	6	18 40
Williamson	802	W. B. Miller	317	31 70	6	37 70
Neponset	803	Chas. S. Russell	123	12 30	6	18 30
Kensington	804	H. A. Wray	13	1 30	6	7 30
S. M. Dalzell	805	Jas. W. McIntyre	104	10 40	6	16 40
Nebo	806	John Blackwell	261	26 10	4	30 10
Royal	807	Jas. M. Booter	300	30 00	6	36 00
Cornland	808	E. R. Jones	172	17 20	6	23 20
Gillham	809	Daniel R. Elam	252	25 20	6	31 20
Tracy	810	J. J. Bickel	13	1 30	6	7 30
De Land	812	J. H. Wood	150	15 00	6	21 00
Humboldt Park	813	Lewis A. Brinkerd	5	50	6	6 50
Ohio	814	H. A. Jackson	103	10 30	6	16 30
Ridgway	816	S. M. Combs	299	29 90	6	35 90
Creal Springs	817	John L. Whiteside	336	33 60	6	39 60
Ben Hur	818	Albert J. Ehlers	7	70	6	6 70
Columbian	819	Chas. E. Regnas	5	50	6	6 50
Henderson	820	C. T. McLean	157	15 70	6	21 70
New Canton	821	W. H. Foster	282	28 20	6	34 20
Belknap	822	T. J. Hughes	346	34 60	6	40 60
Pearl	823	W. H. Hooker	115	11 50	6	17 50
Grove	824	N. C. Pearce	21	2 10	6	8 10
Arthur	825	O. D. Makepeace	162	16 20	6	22 20
Mazon	826	Geo. P. Thomas	71	7 10	6	13 10
Sequoit	827	F. B. Huber	55	5 50	6	11 50
Edgar	829	John W. Bott	154	15 40	6	21 40
Rockport	830	Chas. E. Miller	300	30 00	6	36 00
Findlay	831	C. A. Tucker	205	20 50	6	26 50
Magic City	832	Isaac R. Small	23	2 30	6	8 30
Dean	833	John Bennett	321	32 10	6	38 10
Toledo	834	T. C. Connor	187	18 70	6	24 70
Triple	835	James Kerr	278	27 80	6	33 80
Windsor Park	836	Robert B. Gillie	7	70	6	6 70
Hindsboro	837	C. W. Mitchell	168	16 80	6	22 80
Charity	838	L. D. Armstrong	197	19 70	6	25 70
Berwyn	839	Chas. J. Becker	10	1 00	6	7 00
Alto Pass	840	Louis E. Holcomb	332	33 20	6	39 20
Woodlawn Park	841	F. D. Reed	8	80	6	6 80
Fides	842	Martin Anderson	17	1 70	6	7 70
Park Lodge	843	Harry D. Irwin	10	1 00	6	7 00
Martinton	845	Geo. A. Reed	68	6 80	6	12 80
Bluffs	846	Jas. Hamilton	232	23 20	6	29 20
Stronghurst	847	Geo. T. Chant	213	21 30	6	27 30
London	848	Samuel Way	183	18 30	6	24 30
Palestine	849	John M. Forsman	253	25 30	6	31 30
Austin	850	Geo. G. McLaughlin	7	70	6	6 70
Chicago Heights	851	W. G. Stowell	27	2 70	6	8 70
Gothic	852	Frank M. Miller	281	28 10	6	34 10
Latham	853	D. J. Joynt	185	18 50	6	24 50
Brighton Park	854	James Madaughlan	6	60	6	6 60
King Oscar	855	Henry E. Lindblade	12	1 20	6	7 20
West Gate	856	Chas. L. Wood	271	27 10	6	33 10
Boyd D	857	Chas. Olson	67	6 70	6	12 70
Utica	858	J. F. Blakeslee	94	9 40	6	15 40
Apple River	859	N. A. Scott	144	14 40	6	20 40
Metropolitan	860	N. E. Murray	5	50	6	6 50
Sorento	861	N. J. Ballenbaugh	248	24 80	6	30 80
Riverside	862	W. L. Shepard, Jr	12	1 20	6	7 20

REPRESENTATIVES—*Continued.*

LODGE.	NO.	REPRESENTATIVE.	Miles.....	Mileage...	Per Diem.	Total.....
St. Andrews	863	Robert A. Sempill	1	$ 10	$6	$6 10
Olympia	864	Wm. P. Preble	4	40	6	6 40
St. Cecilia	865	Richard B. Prendergrast.	1	10	6	6 10
West Salem	866	S. R. Skinner	248	24 80	6	30 80
Chadwick	867	F. W. Zugschwert	130	13 00	4	17 00
Cornell	868	F. L. Gardner	105	10 50	6	16 50
Maywood	869	Alfred H. Mussing	7	70	6	6 70
Lostant	870	R. W. Phillips	113	11 30	6	17 30
Argenta	871	Samuel O. Hilbrant	163	16 30	6	22 30
Free Will	872	W. J. Larts	132	13 20	6	19 20
Standard	873	E. C. Tillatson	1	10	6	6 10
Nifong	874	C. R. Van Winkle	215	21 50	6	27 50
Cornerstone	875	Edward Beecroft	1	10	4	4 10
William McKinley	876	Wm. T. Bazner	2	20	6	6 20
Granite City	877	John W. Costley	275	27 50	6	33 50
Equity	878	J. Scott Matthews	4	40	6	6 40
Composite	879	A. J. Weston	4	40	6	6 40
John B. Sherman	880	W. J. Freckelton, Jr.	6	60	6	6 60
Marissa	881	W. C. Steward	318	31 80	6	37 80
Boulevard	882	H. J. Laub	4	40	6	6 40
Wheeler	883	W. C. Harned	210	21 00	6	27 00
Bethany	884	John Sampley	193	19 30	6	25 30
Villa Grove	885	D. F. Richman	145	14 50	6	20 50
Hooppole	886	Carl Lorenzen	152	15 20	6	21 20
Pyramid	887	Walter B. Nolen	18	1 80	6	7 80
Damascus	888	George Edwards	8	80	6	6 80
America	889	Thos. G. Kerwin	1	10	6	6 10
Des Plaines	890	Dean F. Webster	25	2 50	6	8 50
Logan Square	891	Walter Belle	4	40	6	6 40
Constellation	892	Jos. Dutton, Jr.	4	40	6	6 40
Loraine	893	J. O. Wade	285	28 50	6	34 50
Utopia	894	Harley F. Sprague	4	40	6	6 40
Crescent	895	Henry Cohen	8	80	6	6 80
Kosmos	896	J. C. Higgins	6	60	6	6 60
Ogden Park	897	John A. Anderson	9	90	6	6 90
Selvis	898	Walter G. Baker	162	16 20	6	22 20
Carnation	900	R. H. Rockwood	4	40	6	6 40
Edgewater	901	T. M. Glennon	9	90	6	6 90
Alto	902	E. L. Carwin	77	7 70	4	11 70
Elkhart	903	Logan Barker	169	16 90	6	22 90
Carlock	904	E. E. Farmer	203	20 30	6	26 30
Hanover	905	Franklin Miller	158	15 80	6	21 80
Coffeen	906	C. F. Laws	228	22 80	6	28 80
Ancient Craft	907	H. Silverman	8	80	4	4 80
Gil. W. Barnard	908	David C. Hibbott	10	1 00	6	7 00
Bee Hive	909	L. E. Hamburg	6	60	6	6 60
Hull	910	Geo. W. Lawrence	303	30 30	6	36 30

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. F. Beck,
G. A. Lackens,
H. T. Goddard,
Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

ADDITIONAL REPORT—Committee on Finance.

Bro. S. O. Spring, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented an additional report from that Committee:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred the resolution offered by Bro. J. Scott Matthews, have duly considered the same and recommend that a Past Grand Master's jewel be purchased for each Past Grand Master at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars each. That the Grand Master appoint a special committee of which he shall be a member to select and purchase said jewels. Also recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be paid M.W. Bro. W. B. Wright in place of the jewel as he provided himself with a jewel at his own expense.

Your Committee would further report that the resolution offered by R.W. Bro. Burnap, appropriating the sum of fifty dollars to W. Bro. W. B. Grimes meets with our approval and we recommend the adoption of the same.

We also approve of the resolution offered by M.W. Bro. C. E. Allen providing for the printing of a Tableau of the Masonic Lodges of the World and recommend the adoption of the resolution.

S. O. Spring,
N. N. Lampert,
T. A. Stevens,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT—Committee to Examine Visitors.

The report of the Committee to Examine Visitors was presented:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M.:

Your Committee to Examine Visitors have the honor to report that they have examined all visitors who have presented themselves for that purpose during the present session of the Grand Lodge and have vouched for them to the Grand Tyler.

Charles H. Martin,
S. S. Borden,
Austin H. Scrogin,
Chas. S. DeHart,
Richard F. Morrow,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

AMENDMENT --To By-Laws, Proposed.

Bro. John C. Weis presented the following amendment to Section 6, Article 19, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, and it being seconded by representatives of more than twenty lodges, lies over until next year.

To amend Section 6, Article 19, Part 2 of Grand Lodge By-Laws, by striking out all that part of said section beginning with the word "Documentary" in the third line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "but if not so vouched for, he shall be required to furnish documentary evidence, as to the name and number of his lodge, and to take the Test Oath in addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry." Making said section read when amended, as follows:

Sec. 6. No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing; but if not so vouched for, he shall be required to furnish documentary evidence as to the name and number of his lodge, and to take the Test Oath in addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry.

REMARKS.

M.W. Bro. Leroy A. Goddard spoke as follows:

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I only want to say a word of tribute to the memory of a great soul that passed away during this last year,—R.W. Bro. Rev. Hiram W. Thomas,—who was one of the purest men that I ever knew. I feel called upon to do this for the reason that Brother Thomas never held an elective office in this Grand Lodge and would otherwise get no place in our proceedings more than the usual reference in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Committee on Obituaries, and these are not very full because Brother Thomas was absent from the city for a number of years and but limited information came to the Committee. Brother Thomas has passed the threshold of this life of the physical plane into the spiritual world. It certainly was not seemingly for him a long journey for he was one of the most spiritual, Godly men that I ever knew. It seemed like just a passing behind the veil.

Brother Thomas was an enthusiastic Mason, not for the purpose of the honors or for selfish gain, but more because he saw through this organization, this great fraternity, such vast possibilities of help for humanity. He loved humanity. To my mind he ranked equal with the

greatest as an exponent of the higher ideals of Freemasonry and in giving in words expression of its principles, its teachings and its spiritual truths.

Brother Thomas filled the office of Grand Chaplain in this Grand Lodge one year, under M.W. Bro. Darrah; two years under M.W. Bro. Smith, and two years with me. He was also appointed Grand Chaplain by M.W. Bro. Allen, but that frail body of his was unable to bring him back to Chicago from the Southland, where he had gone for his health. He was never able to return until his lifeless body was brought back by his friends. I served as one of the honorary pallbearers and was impressed with this tribute paid him, on returning, by M.W. Bro. Moulton, who said that to him the personality of Hiram W. Thomas came nearer being like that of the Christ than any other man with whom he had ever come in contact. Can words express more? Is there any higher tribute that can be given?

There are lots of Masons in this state who understand the laws of Masonry and obey them. Our lodges have lots of members who can fill the offices and do fill them creditably. There are lots of Masons who care for the sick, bury the dead, help the poor and protect the widows and orphans, but this man's *life* was given to others. He was a Mason not only in words nor alone in deeds, but in his very self. His life was Masonry and his Masonry was life, and I feel that it is a great privilege to me to pay this tribute to him. I only wish that I had the eloquence to unfold to you the simplicity, the grandeur and the holiness of this man as I saw him.

I knew Brother Thomas thirty-five years ago. He was always frail in body but strong in intellect; gentle in nature but stubbornly firm for principle. This was the index of his life. He knew not much of matters of commerce and trade in a practical way; he left no aggregation of material wealth as a monument, but he has left an impression in the hearts of hundreds of thousands of listeners by his eloquence, by his understanding of the Truth, and by his ability to convey it to others.

M.W. Bro. Monroe A. Crawford said:

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I appear before you this morning simply to discharge a duty that I promised a brother on the 23d day of last April, that I would discharge when I came to this Grand Lodge. By direction of the Grand Master I visited Quincy, Illinois, for the purpose of having a consultation with our lamented brother, Joseph Robbins, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and who was at that time the Committee on Correspondence.

He was standing in the shadow of death, brethren, and the last conversation I had with him, he was standing by me and gave me a commission to deliver to this brother, to that brother and this brother, asking me to deliver them when I came to this Grand Lodge, which I have done. And finally, he held out his hand to me, and I shook hands with him; he said to me: I will never go to the Grand Lodge again; when you go there, I want you to remember me to the Grand Lodge. Brethren, I come before you now. I have performed that duty, and I have remembered our distinguished brother to you today.

M.W. Bro. Owen Scott said:

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

In the light of the beautiful tribute by the Grand Master I hesitated to attempt to say what was in my heart concerning our great leader. But since Brother Crawford has spoken concerning the meeting at Quincy I feel impelled to add a brief word.

It was my melancholy privilege to be present at this meeting of the committee that was held in Quincy to which Brother Crawford has referred. It became my duty, under the direction of the Grand Master, to be present at another and a later deliberation. I went to the hospital to which Brother Robbins had been removed with a stenographer. The report that was read to you yesterday was dictated by him from the bed upon which he lay when his great spirit went out. I have never seen a man with such courage, a man with such sublime hope, a man with such beautiful impulses, even in the very shadow of death, as he exhibited at this time. After I went to my home there were a few things that came to his mind that he wanted to say further. He wrote to me in his own trembling hand and I have the original report, with his own handwriting, with his own signature. But a short time after that we were all summoned to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of one that I esteem the greatest Mason, at the time of his death, in this world—greatest in Masonic scholarship, greatest in the knowledge of Masonic law, and greatest in the esteem of his friends and his companions in his work throughout the entire world. The principle laid down in our great light that "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country" does not apply to him. The great brotherhood in Illinois, before whom he stood for a half century as thinker, writer, interpreter of masonic law and usage, delight to honor Joseph Robbins for his purity of life, his nobility of character and his princely bearing as a Mason. I esteem it a privilege to say these words, without preparation, without any thought of saying them, but just as they came from my heart. As we turn from that clay, we turn from

the grave of one who had the impulses of Masonry, and who seeks for the good of the world. May the emotions and desires of the great heart that was within his giant frame thrill us with his thoughts and with the aims and purposes of making Ancient Craft Masonry higher and better that it may ennoble and enrich humanity.

RESOLUTION.

R.W. Bro. Roswell T. Spencer presented the following resolution:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

Bro. David Kennison, a veteran of the War of the American Revolution, and of the War of 1812, lies buried in Lincoln Park, in this city. He died on February 28, 1852, at the remarkable age of 115 years, and was the last survivor of "the Boston tea party," having been one of the Masons who, disguised as Indians, on the night of December 16, 1773, threw the tea into Boston harbor. He fought at the battles of Bunker Hill, White Plains, West Point and Long Island, and witnessed the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. He also served in the War of 1812. He was born at Kingston, N. H., November 17, 1737, and came to Chicago in 1842, where he spent the last ten years of his life. It is said that he was made a Mason previous to the Revolution, in a lodge in the state of Maine.

It has been suggested that a bronze plate suitably inscribed, giving his Masonic history, might with great propriety, be inserted in the side of the boulder which marks his grave. I, therefore, move that a special committee of three be appointed to make an official investigation of the facts in the case, to report next year with such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

It was adopted.

REMARKS.

M.W. Bro. Alexander H. Bell spoke as follows:

Brethren:—Before proceeding with the installation, I wish sincerely to thank every brother of this Grand Lodge, and every brother in this state for their great courtesy to me at all times. I have done the very best I knew how to make an acceptable Grand Master, and to attend to the duties of this office, and whatever mistakes I have made,—I admit I have made many,—I made them because I didn't know any better. I have done the best I knew how. I have appreciated this great honor highly. I have endeavored to do the best work, in discharging the duties of a Grand Master. I thank you most sincerely, as I now retire. (Applause.)

REPORT—Masonic Relief Association.

R.W. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler presented the following report:

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Reporting as your representative to the biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held at St. Louis, Mo., on September 9 and 10 this year, I have this to say to you: The meeting was well attended and the work accomplished will be of great benefit to the craft wherever dispersed, and especially to the various bodies belonging to this association.

A notable feature of the occasion was the welcome accorded to the delegates. His Excellency, Gov. Herbert S. Hadley, who is also a member of our order, welcomed us to the state of Missouri in a most eloquent speech, in which he paid the highest tribute to Masonry and to our organization. Bro. John H. Gundlach, acting mayor of St. Louis, greeted us to the city across the river, in the most hospitable manner, and M.W. Bro. Robert R. Kreeger, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, addressed us on behalf of the Masons of the state.

At the close of the sessions the delegates were entertained at a banquet given by the Masons of St. Louis and their ladies, at which there were about 350 present. Among the visitors I have the pleasure of reporting that R.W. Bro. John C. Weis, D.D.G.M. of the Twentieth District, attended two sessions, and that W. Bros. J. J. Aston, of Chicago, and S. M. Schoemann, of McLeansboro, were present during the opening session.

During the past two years the Grand Jurisdictions of California, Louisiana and Saskatchewan have joined the association, and Boards of Relief of ten different states and provinces have come into the fold. The secretary is mailing circulars to over 6,500 lodges at the present time, and during the past two years 338 impostors and unworthy men and women have been published in the circulars of the association, and the names of 115 old offenders working in new territory have been re-published.

The financial condition of the association has improved during the last two years. Your representative was re-elected a member of the advisory board. Fraternally submitted,

RALPH H. WHEELER.

The report was adopted.

GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Secretary read the list of the elected and appointed officers:

Albert B. Ashley, M.W. Grand Master.
Delmar D. Darrah, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Henry T. Burnap, R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Ralph H. Wheeler, R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Leroy A. Goddard, R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. Webster Bailey, R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Rev. Frank G. Smith, R.W. Grand Orator.
Geo. A. Stadler, W. Deputy Grand Secretary.
N. J. Cary, W. Grand Pursuivant.
A. W. West, W. Grand Marshal.
James John, W. Grand Standard Bearer.
Robert Fletcher, W. Grand Sword Bearer.
T. E. Gillespie, W. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. H. Peak, W. Junior Grand Deacon.
G W. Hamilton, W. Grand Steward.
H. S. Albin, W. Grand Steward.
Chas. F. Tenney, W. Grand Steward.
James L. Scott, W. Grand Steward.
C. S. Gurney, Bro. Grand Tyler.

AMENDMENT—To Constitution, Proposed.

M.W. Bro. Owen Scott offered the following amendment to Section 4, Article 8, Constitution, and it being seconded, goes out to the lodges:

Amend Sec. 4, Art. 8, of the Constitution by striking out the word "twenty" in the second line and insert the words one hundred in lieu thereof. The section when amended will read as follows:

Sec. 4. The yeas and nays shall be ordered upon the demand of *one hundred* representatives. In taking the yeas and nays the lodges in their order shall be called first, the members secondly, and the Grand Officers last. In all votes and elections a majority shall govern unless otherwise provided by law.

INSTALLATION.

M.W. Bro. Alexander H. Bell assisted by M.W. Bro. William H. Scott, installed all the officers except the Grand Orator, who was absent.

Immediately after being installed Grand Master Ashley spoke as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I am conscious of the great responsibility which this involves, and am deeply impressed with the confiding trust which you have reposed in me. I have taken a solemn vow that I will to the best of my ability faithfully and impartially perform all the duties incumbent upon me as your Grand Master. I have made this sacred promise in the presence of Almighty God, by whose guidance and with your assistance, I shall most earnestly strive to so conduct the affairs of the Grand Lodge as will meet with your approval.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Secretary read the names of the brethren comprising the Standing Committees:

Masonic Jurisprudence—Edward Cook, A. H. Bell, J. C. Smith, C. E. Allen, W. B. Wright.

Appeals and Grievances—M. C. Crawford, J. E. Dyas, Geo. R. Smith, H. H. Montgomery, Hugh A. Snell.

Chartered Lodges—C. F. Hitchcock, C. M. Turner, S. M. Schoemann, Elmer E. Beach, Phil Barkley.

Lodges Under Dispensation—H. C. Mitchell, John Johnston, I. H. Todd, John M. Hamilton, S. S. Chance.

Mileage and Per Diem—W. F. Beck, G. A. Lackens, H. T. Goddard.

Finance—S. O. Spring, Nelson N. Lampert, Thomas A. Stevens.

Trustees Masonic Homes—Wm. A. Dixon for one year, and James A. Steel, Geo. M. Moulton for three years.

Correspondence—Owen Scott.

Grand Examiners—Charles H. Martin, S. S. Borden, Austin H. Scrogin, Richard F. Morrow, Emerson Clark.

TELEGRAM.

The retiring Grand Master read a telegram of greeting from Bro. Arthur M. Hume, M.W. Grand Master of Michigan.

INVITATION.

An invitation was extended the M.W. Grand Master to lay the corner-stone of the new Central Masonic Temple. The Grand Master accepted the invitation.

THANKS TO GRAND MASTER.

R.W. Bro. D. D. Darrah introduced the following resolution, and on motion it was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to M.W. Bro. Alexander H. Bell, Grand Master, for the faithful, able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of his office during the past year.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of the proceedings for Thursday were then read and approved.

CLOSED.

At 10:45 a. m. no further business appearing, the M.W. Grand Master closed the M.W. Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.



GRAND MASTER.

ATTEST:

GRAND SECRETARY.

M.W. Grand Master's Address—
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

PERMANENT MEMBERS

M.W. Bro. W. H. Scott, P.G.M., Metropolis No. 91.

M.W. Bro. John R. Thomas, P.G.M., Metropolis No. 91.

M.W. Bro. John C. Smith, P.G.M., Miners No. 273.

M.W. Bro. John M. Pearson, P.G.M., Piasa No. 27.

M.W. Bro. Monroe C. Crawford, P.G.M., Jonesboro No. 111.

M.W. Bro. Leroy A. Goddard, P.G.M., Fellowship No. 89.

M.W. Bro. Owen Scott, P.G.M., Wade Barney No. 512.

M.W. Bro. Edward Cook, P.G.M., Blaney No. 271.

M.W. Bro. Charles F. Hitchcock, P.G.M., Temple No. 46.

M.W. Bro. George M. Moulton, P.G.M., Covenant No. 526.

R.W. Bro. Charles Fisher, P.D.G.M., Central No. 71.

R.W. Bro. W. J. A. DeLancey, P.D.G.M., Centralia No. 201.

M.W. Bro. William B. Wright, P.G.M., Effingham No. 149

R.W. Bro. Henry E. Hamilton, P.S.G.W., Lincoln Park No. 611.

M.W. Bro. Chester E. Allen, P.G.M., Alpha No. 155.

M.W. Bro. Alexander H. Bell, P.G.M., Mt. Nebo No. 76.

M.W. Bro. Albert B. Ashley, G.M., LaGrange No. 770.

R.W. Bro. Delmar D. Darrah, D.G.M., Bloomington No. 43.

R.W. Bro. Henry T. Burnap, S.G.W., Franklin No. 25.

R.W. Bro. Ralph H. Wheeler, J.G.W., America No. 889.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS,

ELECTED AT ITS FORMATION ON THE 6th OF APRIL, A.D. 1840, AND IN THE FOLLOWING OCTOBER OF THE SAME YEAR, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER TO THE PRESENT TIME.

When elected	GRAND MASTERS.	D. G. MASTERS.	S. G. WARDENS.	J. G. WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
1840	*Abraham Jonas	*James Adams	*W. S. Vance	*H. Rogers	*Alexander Dunlap	*Wm. B. Warren
1840	Abraham Jonas	James Adams	*Alexander Dunlap	*Harrison Dills	*Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1841	Abraham Jonas	*Meredith Helm	Alexander Dunlap	Harrison Dills	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1842	*Meredith Helm	*Alexander Dunlap	*Levi Lusk	*Joseph N. Ralston	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1843	*Alexander Dunlap	*Levi Lusk	*William Hodge	*Henry Prather	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1844	*Levi Lusk	*Carding Jackson	*David Allen	*Nelson D. Morse	Philip Coffman	Wm. B. Warren
1845	*Rev. Wm. F. Walker	*Nelson D. Morse	*Edgar R. Bogardus	*John R. Crandall	*James L. Anderson	*Levi Lusk
1846	*Nelson D. Morse	*William Lavely	*John R. Crandall	*Adam Brewer	James L. Anderson	Levi Lusk
1847	*William Lavely	*John R. Crandall	*Joseph C. Ketchum	*Matthias Taylor	*Wm. McMurtry	*William Mitchell
1848	William Lavely	*Edward R. Roe	Joseph C. Ketchum	*William C. Hobbs	Wm. McMurtry	William Mitchell
1849	*William C. Hobbs	*John H. Holton	Joseph C. Ketchum	*William E. Russell	Wm. McMurtry	William Mitchell
1850	*C. G. Y. Taylor	*Thomas J. Pickett	*Wm. W. Bennett	*Daniel C. McNeil	Wm. McMurtry	*Wm. B. Warren
1851	*Thomas J. Pickett	*Elias Hibbard	*Eli B. Ames	*Carlton Drake	Wm. McMurtry	*Harmon G. Reynolds
1852	*Eli B. Ames	*Benjamin L. Wiley	*Isaac R. Diller	*James L. Anderson	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1853	*William B. Warren	*James L. Anderson	*T. O. Wilson	William H. Turner	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1854	*James L. Anderson	*T. O. Wilson	*James H. Hibbard	*Elijah M. Haines	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1855	*William B. Herrick	*James H. Hibbard	*Jerome R. Gorin	*William A. Dickey	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1856	*James H. Hibbard	*Jas. V. Z. Blaney	*Harrison Dills	*Fergus M. Blair	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1857	*Harrison Dills	*James H. Matheny	*Fergus M. Blair	*A. J. Kuykendall	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1858	*Ira A. W. Buck	*Fergus M. Blair	*A. J. Kuykendall	*Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1859	Ira A. W. Buck	Fergus M. Blair	A. J. Kuykendall	Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1860	Ira A. W. Buck	Fergus M. Blair	A. J. Kuykendall	Silas C. Toler	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1861	*F. M. Blair	*Silas C. Toler	*Asa W. Blakesley	John C. Baker	Wm. McMurtry	Harmon G. Reynolds
1862	F. M. Blair	*John C. Baker	*Jerome R. Gorin	*James C. Luckey	*J. R. Mack	Harmon G. Reynolds
1863	*Thomas J. Turner	*Jerome R. Gorin	*H. P. H. Bromwell	Edwin F. Babcock	*Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1864	Thomas J. Turner	*H. P. H. Bromwell	Edwin F. Babcock	*Nathan W. Huntley	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1865	*H. P. H. Bromwell	*Jerome R. Gorin	*Nathan W Huntley	Charles Fisher	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1866	*Jerome R. Gorin	*Nathan W. Huntley	Charles Fisher	*Horace Hayward	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds
1867	Jerome R. Gorin	Charles Fisher	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	Harrison Dills	Harmon G. Reynolds

*Deceased.

1868	*Harmon G. Reynolds	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	*Harrison Dills	*Orlin H. Miner
1869	Harmon G. Reynolds	DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	Geo. E. Lounsbury	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner
1870	*DeWitt C. Cregier	*James A. Hawley	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	*James C. Luckey	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner
1871	DeWitt C. Cregier	James A. Hawley	Geo. E. Lounsbury	Joseph Robbins	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner
1872	*James A. Hawley	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Harrison Dills	Orlin H. Miner
1873	James A. Hawley	Geo. E. Lounsbury	Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Harrison Dills	†John F. Burrill
1874	*Geo. E. Lounsbury	Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton	Harrison Dills	John F. Burrill
1875	Geo. E. Lounsbury	Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton	Harrison Dills	John F. Burrill
1876	*Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton	Rev. William H. Scott	*Archibald A. Glenn	John F. Burrill
1877	Joseph Robbins	Wm. J. A. DeLancey	Henry E. Hamilton	Rev. William H. Scott	Archibald A. Glenn	John F. Burrill
1878	*Theodore T. Gurney	Rev. William H. Scott	Louis Ziegler	*Daniel M. Browning	*Orlin H. Miner	John F. Burrill
1879	Theodore T. Gurney	Rev. William H. Scott	*Daniel M. Browning	John R. Thomas	Orlin H. Miner	John F. Burrill
1880	Rev. William H. Scott	*Daniel M. Browning	John R. Thomas	*Henry C. Cleaveland	*Wiley M. Egan	John F. Burrill
1881	Rev. William H. Scott	Daniel M. Browning	John R. Thomas	Henry C. Cleaveland	Wiley M. Egan	*Loyal L. Munn
1882	*Daniel M. Browning	John R. Thomas	*Henry C. Cleaveland	*Alex. T. Darrah	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1883	Daniel M. Browning	John R. Thomas	*Alex. T. Darrah	John C. Smith	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1884	John R. Thomas	*Alex. T. Darrah	John C. Smith	John M. Pearson	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1885	*Alex. T. Darrah	John C. Smith	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1886	Alex. T. Darrah	John C. Smith	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1887	John C. Smith	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1888	John C. Smith	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1889	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1890	John M. Pearson	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1891	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1892	Monroe C. Crawford	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	Wiley M. Egan	Loyal L. Munn
1893	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Wiley M. Egan	*J. H. C. Dill
1894	Leroy A. Goddard	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1895	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1896	Owen Scott	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1897	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1898	Edward Cook	C. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1899	Chas. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1900	Chas. F. Hitchcock	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1901	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1902	Geo. M. Moulton	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	Wiley M. Egan	J. H. C. Dill
1903	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	Leroy A. Goddard	J. H. C. Dill
1904	Wm. B. Wright	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	Leroy A. Goddard	J. H. C. Dill
1905	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah	Leroy A. Goddard	J. H. C. Dill
1906	Chester E. Allen	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah	Leroy A. Goddard	Isaac Cutter
1907	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah	H. T. Burnap	Leroy A. Goddard	Isaac Cutter
1908	Alexander H. Bell	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah	H. T. Burnap	Leroy A. Goddard	Isaac Cutter
1909	A. B. Ashley	D. D. Darrah	H. T. Burnap	Ralph H. Wheeler	Leroy A. Goddard	Isaac Cutter

*Deceased. †Expelled.

APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS.

	GRAND CHAPLAIN.	GRAND ORATOR.	DEPUTY GRAND SECY.	GRAND PURSUIVANT.	W. GRAND MARSHAL.	GRAND STANDARD BEARER.	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
1840	Rev. H. W. Osborn*	S. A. Douglas*	W. D. McCann*	John Gregory*	S. W. Lucas*	L. Griffing*	
1841	F. A. McNeill*	James Shields*	W. D. McCann	John Gregory	A. C. Dixon*	M. Doyle*	
1842	F. A. McNeill	J. H. Matheny*	Edward Jones*	John Gregory	A. C. Dixon	J. P. Swisler*	
1843	G. A. Patterson*	H. S. Cooley*	Adam Dunlap*	S. W. Lucas	P. Underwood*	J. P. Swisler	
1844	Rev. Chas. Howard*	R. E. Smith*	Adam Dunlap	A. V. Putman	Mathew Stacy*	William Lavely*	
1845	Rev. Chas. V. Kelly*	William Stuart*	Chas. H. Larrabee*	R. F. Kippingburg*	John H. Holton*		William Ervin*
1846	Rev. Chas. V. Kelly	Rev. Wm. F. Walker*	James Price*	Arnold R. Robinson*	William McMurtry.*		Peter Sweat*
1847	Rev. N. P. Heath*	E. R. Roe*		Webb C. Quigley*	Peter Surat*		John H. Holton*
1848	Rev. Chas. Howard*	George Davis*	R. W. Diller	William E. Russell*	H. G. Reynolds*		Clark B. Stebbins*
1849	Rev. Brax'n Parish*	A. D. Caldwell*		Clark B. Stebbins*	Nathan English*		W. H. L. Wallace*
1850	Rev. J. T. Worth'g'n*	J. T. Lindsay*		R. W. Scanland*	George W. Hotchkiss*		J. M. Scott*
1851	Rev. Chas. Howard	George T. Brown*	Silas Ramsey*	W. W. Drummond*	Isaac R. Diller*		J. W. Smith*
1852	Rev. R. E. Guthrie*	John Dean Caton*	John S. Winter*	J. W. Smith*	Amos Hill*		J. P. Waterhouse*
1853	Rev. W. E. Johnson*	Charles E. Dodge*	Jacob W. Brewer*	Stephen Bennett*	James Price*		Wm. Kinman*
1854	Rev. J. H. Hughes*	Isaac R. Diller*	Jacob W. Brewer	McKinzie Turner*	Cyrus C. Palmer*		Jonathan Young*
1855	Rev. J. H. Hughes	Isaac R. Diller	John S. Winter	J. C. McMurtry*	A. J. Kuykendall*		Robert Keith*
1856	Rev. Danl. P. Bunn*	James H. Matheny*	P. A. Whitaker*	E. J. Higgins*	A. J. Kuykendall		G. D. Moody*
1857	Rev. L. P. Clover*	J. M. Palmer*		E. J. Higgins	E. A. Whipple*	Robert Keith*	Daniel Frost*
1858	Rev. L. P. Clover	Abraham Jonas*	Benj. F. Barry*	C. C. Sympson*	George R. McGregor*	Phares A. Dorwin*	Lewis Keyon*
1859	Rev. N. W. Miner*	Stephen A. Hurlbut*	John S. Winter	C. C. Sympson	Reuben Cleveland	H. A. Chase*	Robert Gibson*
1860	Rev. Jas. L. Crane*	Ely S. Parker*	James Steele*	N. W. Chapman*	David B. Irons*	Michael Grant*	John C. Baker
1861	Rev. Jas. L. Crane	H. P. H. Bromwell*	L. W. Shepherd*	D. D. Irons*	Reuben Cleveland*	M. Grant*	Caleb Finch*
1862	Rev. N. E. Cobleigh*	H. P. H. Bromwell	L. W. Shepherd	D. W. Zink*	J. M. Pearson	J. W. Banker*	G. W. Albin*
1863	Rev. R. G. Hamilton*	Allen C. Fuller*	John C. Reynolds*	Chas. T. Pace*	James N. Buford*	Daniel G. Burr*	C. L. Underwood*
1864	Rev. J. T. Orr*	Vincent Ridgely	John C. Reynolds	Chas. T. Pace	James Lowe*	Daniel Frost*	Daniel G. Burr*
1865	Rev. J. T. Orr	M. W. Willis*	John C. Reynolds	Alonzo Ransom*	J. F. Alexander*	S. B. Dugger*	Daniel Frost
1866	Rev. O. H. Tiffany*	J. I. Davidson*	John C. Reynolds	Chas. Spalding*	Samuel B. Dugger*	J. M. Samson*	Jay G. Callender*
1867	Rev. D. P. Bunn*	Newton Bateman*	John C. Reynolds	Chas. Spalding	John G. Bagby*	I. S. Blackwelder*	Jay G. Callender
1868	Rev. D. P. Bunn	Joseph Robbins		George W. Staley*	Geo. W. Hartman*	I. E. Hardy*	S. C. Buckman*
1869	Rev. J. I. Davidson*	H. P. H. Bromwell*	John C. Reynolds	Geo. H. Raymond*	John W. Ross*	Elijah E. Myers‡	John Evans*
1870	Rev. Jno. W. Agard*	John M. Scott.*	John C. Reynolds	Thos. J. Whitehead*	John F. Burrill†	Isaac E. Hardy	Wm. H. Eastman*
1871	Rev. Jno. W. Agard	Jerome R. Gorin*	John F. Burrill†	Wm. H. Eastman*	Thos. J. Whitehead	Henry W. Dyer	Isaac E. Hardy*
1872	Rev. Jno. W. Agard	T. T. Gurney*	John F. Burrill	H. W. Dyer	W. H. Long	Isaac E. Hardy	Wm. E. Ginther
1873	W. H. Scott	John Dougherty*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	Thomas C. Clark	Harry Duvall	Wm. H. Long	Wm. E. Ginther
1874	W. H. Scott.	C. H. Patton*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	E. P. Chatfield	A. H. Irvin	Wm. E. Ginther	Wm. H. Long
1875	George W. Martin	George M. McConnell	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John A. Ladd	Alexander H. Irvin*	Robert Richards	George W. Cyrus
1876	George W. Martin	R. S. Dement*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell*	John A. Ladd	Geo. W. Cyrus	John R. Thomas
1877	George W. Martin	Alfred Sample*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell	John A. Ladd	John R. Thomas	Robt. L. McKinlay
1878	George W. Martin	John R. Thomas	Frank Hudson, Jr.	John P. Norvell	Henry C. Cleveland*	Loyal L. Munn*	Samuel Rawson
1879	George W. Martin	John P. Norvell*	Frank Hudson, Jr.	Chas. M. Carter	Henry C. Cleveland	Loyal L. Munn	Daniel Brewster

*Deceased.

1880	John D. Gillham.....	W. H. Williamson...	Frank Hudson, Jr...	Chas. M. Carter.. ..	James C. McMurtry*	Owen Scott.....	Thomas Moore..... .
1881	John D. Gillham.....	Owen Scott.....	Leslie A. Munn.....	Chas. M. Carter.....	James C. McMurtry..	John C. Bagby.....	F. A. Halliday.'.....
1882	John D. Gillham.....	William J. Allen....	Leslie A. Munn.....	Thos. S. Mather*....	James C. McMurtry..	John C. Bagby.....	F. A. Halliday.....
1883	John D. Gillham.....	F. M. Youngblood....	Leslie A. Munn.....	Thos. S. Mather.....	James C. McMurtry..	John C. Bagby.....	John W. Thrift.....
1884	Geo. W. Scawthon...	W. S. Hooper.....	Leslie A. Munn.....	Eugene L. Stoker*...	Jas. C. McMurtry*...	Rowley Page*.....	B. Mendenhall.....
1885	Geo. W. Scawthon...	Isaac Clements	Leslie A. Munn.....	Edw. L. Cronkrite.	Rowley Page*.....	W. H. Curtin*.....	J. H. C. Dill*.....
1886	H. W. Thomas*.....	W. S. Hooper.....	D. B. Breed.....	Edw. L. Cronkrite...	Rowley Page.....	W. H. Curtin.....	J. H. C. Dill.....
1887	H. W. Thomas.....	W. J. Calhoun.....	Leslie A. Munn.....	B. F. Mason.....	W. A. Stevens.....	Rowley Page.....	J. O. Hughes*.....
1888	H. W. Thomas.....	Geo C. Lorimer*.....	Leslie A. Munn.....	B. F. Mason.....	W. A. Stevens.....	R. S. Gordon	E. A. Kratz.....
1889	F. M. Springer*.....	A. T. Wolf.....	George L. Munn.....	B. F. Mason.....	R. S. Gordon.....	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston.....
1890	F. M. Springer.....	W. J. Calhoun.....	George L. Munn.....	B. F. Mason.....	R. S Gordon	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston.....
1891	F. P. Davenport.....	Wm. W. Barr.....	Loyal L. Munn, Jr...	B. F. Mason.....	R. S. Gordon	N. E. Roberts	J. G. Marston.....
1892	Ulysses G. Johnson..	Geo. W. Warvelle....	Loyal L. Munn, Jr...	John H. Mitchell.....	Haswell C. Clarke*..	John W. Swatek.....	J. G. Marston.....
1893	H. W. Thomas*.....	John C. Black.....	G. H. B. Tolle.....	Pleas. T. Chapman..	Haswell C. Clarke...	Walter Watson.....	J. S. McClelland*.....
1894	H. W. Thomas.....	John C. Black.....	G. H. B. Tolle.....	Pleas. T. Chapman..	William Hartzell*...	Walter Watson.....	Cicero J. Lindley....
1895	Jerome R. Gorin*....	Adlai E. Stevenson..	G. H. B. Tolle.....	Pleas. T. Chapman..	W. O. Butler.....	Walter Watson	Cicero J. Lindley....
1896	Horace W. Bolton....	W. H. Milburn*.....	G. H. B. Tolle.....	Cicero J. Lindley....	H. C. Clarke.....	Walter Watson.....	R. T. Spencer.....
1897	Abel M. White.....	John Corson Smith	G. H. B. Tolle.....	Joseph D. Everett...	Cicero J. Lindley....	Walter Watson.....	Adam Ortseifen.....
1898	Frank Crane.....	W. H. Milburn*	Geo. A, Stadler.....	Walter Watson.....	Joseph D. Everett...	Adam Ortseifen.....	Philip Maas.....
1899	Nelson G. Lyons.....	Walter Reeves*.....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Thos. A. Stevens.....	Walter Watson.....	Jos. D. Everett.....	Saml. Coffinberry...
1900	Thos. B. T. Fisher...	V. M. Blanding.....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Thos. A. Stevens.....	Walter Watson.....	W. W. Watson.....	Saml. Coffinberry....
1901	J. P. Brushingham..	Richard Yates.....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Henry L. Whipple...	Walter Watson.....	Herbert Preston*....	Louis Zinger.....
1902	J. P. Brushingham..	Jas. B. McFatrich....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Henry L. Whipple...	Walter Watson	Herbert Preston.....	Louis Zinger.....
1903	Joseph Stolz.....	Wm. A. Northcott...	Geo. A. Stadler	Henry L. Whipple...	Louis Zinger.....	W. H. Peak.....	J. R. Ennis.....
1904	J. W. VanCleve.	Herbert Preston* ...	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Henry L. Whipple...	Louis Zinger.....	W. H. Peak.....	J. R. Ennis.....
1905	W. S. Welsh....	Owen Scott.....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	James McCredie.....	Louis Zinger.....	W. H. Peak.....	J. R. Ennis.....
1906	H. W. Thomas.....	Rufus O. White.....	Geo. A. Stadler.....	James McCredie.....	Louis Zinger..... ..	W. O. Butler	J. R. Ennis.....
1907	Abraham Traugott..	Elmer E. Beach	Geo. A. Stadler.....	Fred'ick W. Froelich	Louis Zinger.....	W. O. Butler.....	Jas. W. Willard.....
1908	Abraham Traugott..	Euclid B. Rogers....	Geo. A. Stadler	Fred'ick W. Froelich	Louis Zinger.....	W. O. Butler.....	Jas. W. Willard
1909	J. Webster Bailey...	Frank G. Smith	Geo. A. Stadler.....	N. J. Cary	A. W. West.....	James John	Robert Fletcher.....

*Deceased. ‡Suspended †Expelled

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	SR. GRAND DEACON.	JR. GRAND DEACON.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND STEWARD.	GRAND TYLER.
1840	M. Helm*	J. Crocker*	Lucian B. Adams*	T. G. Johnson*			C. Ludlum*
1841	John Crockett*	Saml. Mattlack*	James Magorian*	A. V. Putman*			Geo. Hackett*
1842	Samuel Mattlack*	Henry Prather*	A. V. Putman*				Geo. Hackett
1843	J. B. Conyers*	John Bennett*	L. C. Kercheval*				Geo. Hackett
1844	Peter Sweat*	Chas. H. Pringle*	H. C. Reman*				Geo. Hackett
1845	William Lavely*	Nathan Dresser*	John C. Heyl*	Samuel H. Davis*			John Gregory*
1846	A. C. Dickson*	R. F. Kippingburg*	Harrison Dills*	Henry Kaussel*			D. M. Kittinger*
1847	W. C. Hobbs*	W. B. Mills*	Timothy Souther*	E. J. Harper*			D. M. Kittinger
1848	W. W. Bennett*	Hosa J. Armstrong*	John Daley*	John Pahlman*			N. Christy
1849	P. A. Whittaker*	Webb C. Quigley*	John E. Rearden*	John T. Knox*			A. R. Stout*
1850	P. A. Whittaker	A. R. Stout*	J. W. Keys*	Phares A. Dorwin*			M. McNamara*
1851	R. W. Scanland*	A. W. Blakesley*	D. A. Morris*	Isaac Springer*			A. R. Robinson*
1852	William S. Hurst*	R. S. Patterson*	Warren Brown*	McKenzie Turner*			A. R. Robinson
1853	John C. Heyl*	Wm. M. Eubanks*	Warren Brown	Robert Keith*			A. R. Robinson
1854	John M. Scott*	R. W. Scanland*	Robert Keith*	Stephen Bennett*			A. R. Robinson
1855	W. W. Jackson*	Henry T. Mudd*	O. N. Stafford*	Ezra J. Higgins*			A. R. Robinson
1856	J. S. Reardon*	Daniel Frost*	O. N. Stafford	P. V. Van Norstrum*			A. R. Robinson
1857	Caesar A. Roberts*	James Monroe*	O. N. Stafford	Silas C. Toler.*			A. R. Robinson
1858	Caesar A. Roberts	William Watson*	O. N. Stafford	Daniel G. Burr			A. R. Robinson
1859	Wm. V. Plum*	Thomas W. Hay*	Wm. A. Hacker*	P. A. Dorwin*			A. R. Robinson
1860	Wm. M. Egan*	Thomas Moore*	Charles Fisher	O. N. Stafford*			A. R. Robinson
1861	J. C. Luckey*	H. W. Hubbard*	O. N. Stafford*	Charles Fisher			A. R. Robinson
1862	H. W. Hubbard*	John Bennett*	Charles Fisher	O. N. Stafford			A. R. Robinson
1863	N. W. Huntley*	Thomas W. Hay*	Charles Fisher	Wm. F. Elkin, Jr*			O. N. Stafford*
1864	Thomas W. Hay*	George Mason*	Charles Fisher	Wm. F. Elkin, Jr.			O. N. Stafford
1865	James Lowe*	Rodney Ashley*	J. M. Burnett*	James Gourley*			O. N. Stafford
1866	James Lowe	Rodney Ashley	O. N. Stafford*	Thomas C. Jewell*			John P. Ferns*
1867	Geo. E. Lounsbury*	D. A. Cashman*	O. N. Stafford	R. D. Lawrence*			John P. Ferns
1868	Wm. G. Swan*	Saml. C. Stearns*	O. N. Stafford	A. R. Robinson*			John P. Ferns
1869	Wiley M. Egan*	Saml. C. Stearns	O. N. Stafford	A. R. Robinson			John P. Ferns
1870	W. J. A. DeLancey	Henry W. Dyer	H. E. Hamilton	Wm. H. Long			John P. Ferns
1871	W. J. A. DeLancey	H. E. Hamilton	Wm. H. Long	Wm. E. Ginther	John O'Neil	John McLarey	John P. Ferns
1872	H. E. Hamilton	John D. Hamilton	L. A. Hamblin*	Joseph Dixon*	M. S. Bowman	G. W. Hartman	John P. Ferns
1873	H. E. Hamilton	John D. Hamilton	M. S. Bowman	L. A. Hamblin*	G. Brinkmeier	H. Hohnsheidt*	John P. Ferns
1874	John D. Hamilton	R. T. Higgins.*	J. B. Trull	H. Hohnsheidt*	Ira A. Church*	Isaac E. Hardy	John P. Ferns
1875	John D. Hamilton	R. T. Higgins	George Rawson	George Barry*	Paul Ziemsen	John P. Norvell*	John P. Ferns
1876	John M. Pearson	H. C. Cleveland*	George Rawson	James H. Crandall	Wm. E. Avise	E. Bornemann	John P. Ferns
1877	John M. Pearson	H. C. Cleveland	George Rawson	Adolph Shire	C. M. Grammar	H. B. Davidson	John P. Ferns
1878	Alfred Sample*	Frank A. Halliday	A. M. Bennett	James Strong	J. L. Wallar*	Gilbert R. Smith	John P. Ferns
1879	Alfred Sample	Geo. W. Hamilton	James L. Scott	Morris R. Locke	B. J. Van Court	William Floto	John P. Ferns

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1880	Samuel Rawson	Geo. W. Hamilton	James L. Scott	Morris R. Locke	B. J. Van Court	J. S. McClelland*	John P. Ferns
1881	Samuel Rawson	Chas. H. Brennan	T. D. Palmer	Geo. W. Hamilton	B. F. Mason	J. S. McClelland	John P. Ferns
1882	Leroy A. Goddard	Rowley Page*	Geo. W. Hamilton	J. S. McClelland*	A. B. Wicker	S. T. Webber	John P. Ferns
1883	Leroy A. Goddard	Rowley Page	Geo. W. Hamilton	S. T. Webber*	Eugene L. Stoker*	H. C. Murrah	John P. Ferns
1884	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather*	Geo. W. Hamilton	A. B. Wicker	W. O. Butler	J. G. Marston	R. R. Stevens*
1885	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather	Geo. W. Hamilton	A. B. Wicker	J. G. Marston	Benj. Steingardt	R. R. Stevens
1886	Leroy A. Goddard	Thos. S. Mather	Geo. W. Hamilton	Joseph Dixon*	John Schofield	R. D. Lawrence*	R. R. Stevens
1887	John O'Neill	Thos. S. Mather	A. J. Harbers	E. A. Kratz	Daniel Stewart	C. S. Gurney	R. R. Stevens
1888	John O'Neill	J. E. Evans*	Daniel Stewart	Chester S. Gurney	George W. Warvelle	Henry R. Phinney	R. R. Stevens
1889	John O'Neill	John W. Rose	C. S. Gurney	Thos. Worthington			R. R. Stevens
1890	John O'Neill	John W. Rose	A. W. Hitchcock	Thos. Worthington	Wm. Jackson		R. R. Stevens
1891	John O'Neill	Eugene L. Stoker*	Thos. Worthington	Wm. Jackson	A. W. Hitchcock	C. H. Starkel	R. R. Stevens
1892	John O'Neill	Andrew J. Benson	A. W. Hitchcock	Wm. Jackson	Chas. H. Starkel	R. T. Spencer	R. R. Stevens
1893	Geo. M. Moulton	Andrew J. Benson	A. M. Boring	Wm. H. Johnson	J. M. Montgomery*	F. E. Eubeling	R. R. Stevens
1894	Geo. M. Moulton	Andrew J. Benson	H. C. Mitchell	Wm. H. Johnson	A. M. Boring	Harry C. Purdy	R. R. Stevens
1895	E. C. Pace*	C. E. Allen	John Lingo	W. W. Bruce	W. W. Watson	A. M. Boring	R. R. Stevens
1896	E. C. Pace	C. E. Allen	W. W. Bruce	Adam Ortseifen	J. S. McClelland*	W. H. Johnson	R. R. Stevens
1897	C. E. Allen	H. C. Clarke*	Geo. W. Hamilton	W. W. Watson	J. S. McClelland	S. Coffinberry	R. R. Stevens
1898	C. E. Allen	H. C. Clarke	Geo. W. Hamilton	W. W. Watson	J. S. McClelland	S. Coffinberry	R. R. Stevens
1899	Haswell C. Clarke*	Louis Zinger	J. S. McClelland*	W. W. Watson	G. W. Hamilton	G. S. Hummer	R. R. Stevens
1900	Louis Zinger	Jos. D. Everett	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	Geo. S. Hummer	I. M. Hornbacker	R. R. Stevens
1901	Jos. D. Everett	James McCredie	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	W. M. Burbank	Wm. L. Orr*
1902	Jos. D. Everett	James McCredie	J. S. McClelland	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	W. M. Burbank	Wm. L. Orr
1903	Walter Watson	Wm. H. Lathrop	W. M. Burbank	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough*	Wm. L. Orr
1904	Walter Watson	Norman Mesnard	W. M. Burbank	G. W Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1905	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	W. M. Burbank	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1906	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1907	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1908	Henry L. Whipple	Lawrence C. Johnson	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	W. B. Grimes	C. Rohrbough	C. S. Gurney
1909	T. E. Gillespie	W. H. Peak	H. S. Albin	G. W. Hamilton	Charles F. Tenney	James L. Scott	C. S. Gurney

*Deceased

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2	R. R. Jampolis.....	Chicago 200 Randolph St.	Lodges Nos. 81, 277, 410, 526, 643, 711, 758, 777, 797, 819, 850, 864, 879, 891, 900, 915.
3	Albert Roullier....	Chicago..... Fine Arts Building.	Lodges Nos. 141, 308, 411, 540, 662, 716, 765, 779, 800, 832, 851, 865, 880, 892, 901, 916.
4	David D. King	Chicago. 1234 Congress St.	Lodges Nos. 160, 310, 422, 557, 669, 717, 767, 780, 804, 836, 854, 869, 882, 894, 907, 917.
5	Wm. H. Bied	Chicago. 6024 Calumet Ave.	Lodges Nos. 182, 311, 437, 610, 674, 726, 768, 783, 810, 839, 855, 873, 887, 895, 908
6	Edw. W. Peterson.	Chicago..... 5917 Midway Park.	Lodges Nos. 209, 314, 478, 611, 686, 731, 770, 784, 813, 841, 860, 875, 888, 896, 909.
7	H. Vanderbilt.....	Chicago..... 11232 Michigan Ave.	Lodges Nos. 211, 393, 508, 639, 690, 739, 774, 789, 815, 842, 862, 876, 889, 897, 913.
8	Jay L. Brewster...	Waukegan.....	McHenry and Lake.
9	James M. Huff.....	Belvidere.....	Boone, Winnebago and Stephenson
10	John W. Oliver	Apple River	Jo Daviess and Carroll.
11	B. A. Cottlow.....	Oregon	DeKalb and Ogle.
12	J. H. Griffiths	Downers Grove.....	Kane, DuPage and Kendall.
13	W. C. Stilson.....	Morrison.....	Whiteside and Lee.
14	Milton T. Booth....	Atkinson..... .	Rock Island and Henry.
15	F. H. Bradley.....	Princeton, R. F. D.....	Bureau, Putnam and Marshall.
16	J. M. Hannum.....	Lostant.....	LaSalle.
17	J. B. Fithian.....	Joliet	Will and Grundy.
18	N. T. Stevens	Clifton.....	Kankakee and Iroquois.
19	L. E. Rockwood....	Gibson City.....	Livingston and Ford.
20	John C. Weis.....	Peoria.....	Peoria and Woodford.
21	C. T. Holmes.....	Galesburg.....	Knox and Stark.
22	C. L. Gregory	Aledo	Warren, Henderson and Mercer.
23	Geo. D. Bell.....	Bushnell.....	McDonough and Fulton.
24	E. M. Crain	Augusta..... ...	Hancock and Schuyler.
25	L. W. Lawton.....	Delavan	Tazewell and Logan.
26	Harry M. Palmer..	McLean.....	McLean.
27	C. L. Sandusky....	Danville.....	Vermilion.
28	Wilson P. Jones....	Tolono.....	Champaign and Piatt.
29	A. T. Summers....	Decatur	Macon and DeWitt.
30	Sidney E. Breese..	Springfield.....	Sangamon and Menard.
31	C. P. Ross.....	Jacksonville.....	Mason, Cass and Morgan.
32	W. W. Watson.....	Barry.....	Brown and Pike.

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District.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	COUNTIES COMPOSING DISTRICT.
33	Emmett Howard..	Quincy.....	Adams.
34	Ralph M. Riggs....	Winchester.....	Scott, Green, Jersey and Calhoun
35	C. H. Burgdorff....	Carlinville.....	Macoupin.
36	D. W. Starr.....	Raymond.....	Montgomery and Bond.
37	Chas. G. Young ...	Taylorville.....	Christian and Shelby.
38	J. E. Jeffers.....	Arcola.....	Douglas, Coles and Moultrie.
39	H. Gasaway.....	Martinsville.....	Edgar, Clark and Cumberland.
40	W. H. Rupe.....	Olney.....	Jasper, Crawford and Richland.
41	C. O. Faught..	Altamont.....	Fayette and Effingham.
42	Anthony Doherty .	Clay City.....	Marion, Clay and Wayne.
43	Enos Johnson.....	Upper Alton	Madison and Clinton.
44	Geo. S. Caughlan..	East St. Louis	Monroe, Randolph and St. Clair.
45	T. S. Browning	Benton	Washington, Jefferson, Perry and Franklin.
46	J. R. Ennis.....	Burnt Prairie	Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards and White.
47	I. A. Foster.....	New Haven	Hamilton, Saline and Gallatin.
48	W. D. Abney.....	Marion.....	Jackson and Williamson.
49	C. H. Thompson...	Cairo.....	Union, Johnson and Alexander.
50	J. K. West.....	Brookport.....	Pope, Hardin, Massac and Pulaski.

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W. O. Butler	La Harpe
Wm. E. Ginther	Springfield
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C. E. Allen	Galesburg
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Enos Johnson	Upper Alton
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Chas. G. Young	Taylorville
James McCredie	Aurora
W. H. Peak	Jonesboro
C. N. Hambleton	Jeffersonville
G. A. Lackens	Good Hope
A. O. Novander	Chicago
J. B. Roach	Aurora
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Louis Pickett	Pullman
Anthony Doherty	Clay City
Chas. T. Holmes	Galesburg
C. P. Ross	Jacksonville
Lawrence C. Johnson	Galva
Archibald Birse	Chicago
F. M. Pendleton	Quincy
R. W. King	Chicago
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J. M. Hannum	Lostant
Nimrod Mace	Bloomington
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N. B. Carson	Bloomington
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A. I. Porges	Chicago
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Indiana	B. M. Wiloughby	Vincennes.
Ireland	Obadiah Ternan	Enniskillen.
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Manitoba	John Leslie	Winnipeg.
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Queesland	Chas. H. Harley	Brisbane.
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Saskatchewan	Geo. W. Bilbrough	Regina.
Scotland	Miles McInnes	Dumfries.
South Australia	John Trail McLean	Adelaide.
South Carolina	John F. Ficken	Charleston.
South Dakota	Oscar S. Gifford	Canton.
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Tennessee	A. V. Warr	Rossville.
Texas		
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West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
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New Jersey	W. B. Grimes	Pittsfield.
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New Zealand	John M. Pearson	Godfrey.
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Saskatchewan	Jas. A. Steele	Sullivan.
Scotland	Joseph Robbins	Quincy.
South Carolina	Elmer E. Beach	Chicago.
South Australia	William L. Milligan	Ottawa.
South Dakota	Robert L. McKinlay	Paris.
Tasmania	R. T. Spencer	Chicago.
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Utah	Owen Scott	Decatur.
Vermont	H. A. Eidson	Willow Hill.
Virginia	Amos Pettibone	Chicago.
Washington	Joseph Robbins	Quincy.
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West Virginia	Charles Reifsnider	Chicago.
Wisconsin	David D. King	Chicago.
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United Grand Lodge of Victoria	R. T. Spencer	Chicago.

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British Columbia	R. E. Brett	Victoria.
California	John Wicher	San Francisco.
Canada	Ralph Leeming Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	Frank W. Havens	Hartford.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Havana.
Delaware	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	A. W. Johnston	Washington.
England	Sir Edward Letchworth	London. Freemasons Hall
Florida	W. P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. Sec.	Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	William M. Isaac	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Boston.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R Parson	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Benjamin F. Wakefield	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keane	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Wellington.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	Wm. M. Anderson	Waurika.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland, 388 Yamhill St
Pennsylvania	Wm. A. Sinn	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	Neil Mac Kelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Queensland	Chas. H. Harley	Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence.
Saskatchewan	Jno. M. Shaw	Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburg.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
South Carolina	J. T. Barron	Columbia
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
United Grand Lodge of Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.
United Grand Lodge of New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	Geo. W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.
West Virginia	H R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	Wm. W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Wm. L. Kuykedall	Saratoga.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

The Grand Secretary desires to thank the editors of the following magazines and papers for kindly supplying his office with their publications during the past year, in exchange for our proceedings. We shall be happy to exchange with all Masonic publications and papers having a Masonic department:

The Illinois Freemason—Bloomington, Illinois.

Masonic Advocate—Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Masonic Chronicler—Chicago, Illinois.

The Australasian Keystone—Melbourne, Victoria.

The Trestle Board—408 California street, San Francisco, California.

Masonic News—Peoria, Illinois.

Masonic Token—Portland, Maine.

The Masonic Constellation—St. Louis, Missouri.

The New Zealand Craftsman—Dunedin.

Square and Compass—Denver, Colorado.

The Texas Freemason—San Antonio, Texas.

The American Tyler Keystone—Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Freemason and Fez.—Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Masonic Review—Tacoma, Washington.

Square and Compass—New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Tennessee Mason—Nashville, Tennessee.

Masonic Standard—New York, New York.

Masonic Voice and Review—265 La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.

Eastern Star Signet—Chicago, Illinois.

The Masonic Observer—Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Masonic Trestle Board—Chicago, Illinois.

Missouri Freemason—St. Louis, Missouri.

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Corner Stone—411 W. 145th St., New York City.

The Mosaic—Saginaw, Mich.

Masonic Review—Johannesburg.

Oriental Lodge Notes—Chicago.

FROM THE EAST

of the

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE

of

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Carlinville, Ill., July 28, 1909.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Constituent Lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois:

BRETHREN:

How are the mighty fallen?

JOSEPH ROBBINS is dead.

Our Grand Lodge is bowed in sorrow.

Our stalwart leader is stricken low.

Our great counselor and friend can lead us no more.

He spoke and we were instructed.

He lead us and we went aright.

He warned us of impending dangers and we passed them by.

Eulogy is not now needed.

Words cannot magnify his worth.

His work is ended and his fame secure.

Let us cherish his memory.

Let us emulate his example.

Let us be true to his teachings.

Let every lodge be draped in mourning.

Let every Mason join in the universal grief.

Fraternally yours,

Alexander H. Bell,
Grand Master.

Attest:

Isaac Cutter,
Grand Secretary.

Our Fraternal Dead

ILLINOIS

R. W. Bro. Loyal Levi Munn

PAST GRAND SECRETARY

Born New York, September 1, 1829
Died Freeport, Ill., November 23, 1908

Bro. Calendar Rohrbough

GRAND STEWARD

Born Buchanan, West Virginia, September 1, 1834
Died Kinmundy, Ill., September 11, 1909

Our Fraternal Dead

ILLINOIS

Bro. Richmond S. Dement

GRAND ORATOR, 1877

Died October 11, 1908

Bro. Hiram Washington Thomas

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN

Died August 12, 1909

Bro. Henry Alonzo Eidson

D. D. G. M.

FORTIETH DISTRICT

Died October 7, 1909

Our Fraternal Dead

Other Grand Jurisdictions

FRANCIS MARION ZUCK
Past Grand Master, Arizona. Died June 16, 1909.

JAMES W. NULL
Grand Tyler, Arkansas. Died August 3, 1909.

MELVIN EDWARDS
Grand Lecturer, Colorado. Died August 4, 1909.

HENRY ORANGE WARNER
Past Grand Master, Connecticut. Died May 8, 1909.

JAMES LEWIS GOULD
Past Grand Master, Connecticut.
Died January 26, 1909.

WILLIAM E. ANDERSON
Past Grand Master, Florida.
Died November 12, 1908.

SIMEON STEVENS JOHNSON
Past Grand Master, Indiana. Died January 19, 1909.

RUFUS EASTON ANDERSON
Senior Past Grand Master, Missouri.
Died July 27, 1909.

JOSEPH J. COUCH
Past Grand Master, New York.
Died February 10, 1909.

BRADNER SLAUGHTER
Past Grand Master, Nebraska. Died May 8, 1909.

HENRY BROWN
Past Deputy Grand Master, Nebraska.
Died April 4, 1909.

Our Fraternal Dead

Other Grand Jurisdictions

WILLIAM BURR CHILDERS

Senior Past Grand Master, New Mexico.
Died March 31, 1908.

ELIAS ELWELL DAY

Past Grand Master, New Mexico.
Died May 31, 1908.

FABIUS HAYWOOD BUSBEE

Past Grand Master, North Carolina.
Died August 28, 1908.

WILLIAM MOORE CUNNINGHAM

Past Grand Master, Ohio. Died August 16, 1909.

JACOB MAYER

Past Grand Master, Oregon.
Died December 31, 1908.

JOHN CHARLES DAVIS

Past Grand Master, Wyoming.
Died January 15, 1909.

JOHN S. TAYLOR

Deputy Grand Master, Wyoming.
Died December 21, 1908.

GEORGE OF JOANNOVICS

Venerable Grand Master, Hungary.
Died January 10, 1909.

EDMUND PRESTON McQUEEN

Past Grand Master, Tennessee.
Died August 14, 1909.

Our Fraternal Dead

Past Masters of Illinois Lodges.

NAME	LODGE	DIED
Bacon, Fred P.....	Scott No. 79.....	August 27, 1908
Baldwin, John R.....	Fairmount No. 590....	May 9, 1909.
Bassett, Charles Wallace.	Ravenswood No. 777...	September 27, 1908
Beam, Henry D.....	Oriental No. 33.....	June 21, 1909
Bliss, Charles E.....	Avon Harmony No. 253..	June 20, 1909
Boren, J. W.....	Milton No. 275.....	October 9, 1908
Booth, Lycurgus.....	Rantoul No. 470.....	May 14, 1909
Brewster, Daniel.....	Waukegan No. 78.....	December 12, 1908
Canisius, Charles.....	Mithra No. 410.....	February 2, 1909
Castle, Cheney M.....	Euclid No. 65.....	February 9, 1909
Clark, Chester M.....	Galva No. 243.....	April 25, 1909
Claypool, Henry C.....	Cedar No. 124.....	March 8, 1909
Copeland, P. Ralph....	E. F. W. Ellis No. 633...	October 14, 1908
Corlus, John C.....	Mendota No. 176.....	March 17, 1909
Davis, George W.....	Carrollton No. 50.....	December 13, 1908
Dickinson, David H....	Blair No. 393.....	April 17, 1909
Dow, G. W.....	Pearl No. 823.....	September 25, 1909
Duff, William	Catlin No. 285.....	May 15, 1909
Dunaway, Joseph Newton	Occidental No. 40.....	January 9, 1909
Dutcher, George A.....	New Canton No. 821..	December 8, 1908
Flagler, George Z.....	Livingstone No. 371...	March 9, 1909
Forster, John N.....	Basco No. 618.....	November 17, 1908
Francis, Geo. Frederick	Hesperia No. 411.....	November 12, 1908
Fraser, Harry David...	Blaney No. 271.....	October 12, 1908
French, James B.....	Garfield No. 686.....	June 9, 1909
Frick, Robert Simon...	Lake Creek No. 729...	February 5, 1909
Gillmore, Henry M.....	Delavan No. 156.....	February 1, 1909
Green, A. L.....	Wabash No. 179.....	February 18, 1909
Haage, John Gottlieb..	Acacia No. 67.....	May 30, 1909
Hamilton, Charles A...	Lyndon No. 750.....	April 22, 1909
Hanna, James E.....	Golconda No. 131.....	February 5, 1909
Harper, Alexander McC.	Washburn No. 421.....	March 30, 1908
Harris, Thomas G.....	Cleveland No. 211.....	September 24, 1908
Hill, William.....	Kendall No. 471.....	May 9, 1909
Hole, Jonah.....	Farm No. 632.....	June 7, 1909
Holway, Wesley H.....	Blaney No. 271.....	February 5, 1909
Lamb, Isaac J.....	Stratton No. 408.....	September 20, 1908
Law, Robert E.....	Thos. J. Turner No. 409.	May 28, 1909
Leeds, Lucian L.....	Logan No. 210.....	June 19, 1909
Livermore, John K.....	Raritan No. 727.....	June 18, 1909
Loveland, Frank F.....	Amity No. 472.....	September 18, 1908

Our Fraternal Dead

Past Masters of Illinois Lodges.

NAME	LODGE	DIED
Lucas, Robert G.....	Kilwinning No. 311....	July 5, 1908
McClare, William.....	Buckley No. 634.....	July 6, 1908
McConnell, James A....	Milford No. 168.....	March 7, 1909
McCullough, C. E.....	Kewanee No. 159.....	April 23, 1909
McKenney, George M...	Oregon No. 420.....	March 20, 1909
McMillan, Bennett H...	Olive Branch No. 38..	January 27, 1909
Montgomery, James W.	Pleiades No. 478.....	May 27, 1909
Morley, Francis A.....	Covenant No. 526.....	June 1, 1909
Morris, John William...	Cairo No. 237.....	November 1, 1908
Nicholson, William L..	Corinthian No. 205....	August 8, 1908
Orr, Alexander G.....	Benton No. 64.....	August 25, 1908
Patterson, Alfred.....		November 10, 1908
Preble, Harry Eldon....	Salem No. 218.....	June 20, 1909
Price, John W.....	Mound No. 122.....	October 26, 1908
Raith, Edwin J.....	Highland No. 583.....	January 17, 1909
Rogers, James Morris..	Wyoming No. 479.....	May 20, 1909
Romberger, Luther D...	Bureau No. 112.....	July 12, 1908
Saunders, Asbury H....	Central No. 71.....	October 24, 1908
Schmoldt, Henry M.....	Cass No. 23.....	September 29, 1908
Simpson, Thaddeus S...	Temple No. 46.....	January 25, 1909
Slade, Charles F.....	Dundee No. 190.....	February 17, 1909
Smith, Taylor L.....	Cass No. 23.....	September 29, 1908
Steed, Andrew	Fidelity No. 152.....	April 9, 1909
Stiles, Aaron K.....	Sycamore No. 134.....	March 30, 1909
Storis, William N.....	Aroma No. 378.....	May 4, 1909
Tate, James William...	Jeffersonville No. 460.	April 2, 1909
Thomas, John V.....	Friendship No. 7.....	October 5, 1908
Thomas, Hezekiah R....	Apollo No. 642.....	March 28, 1909
Tinkler, William	Lake View No. 774....	January 14, 1909
Tobias, Isaac H.....	Taylor No. 98.....	January 20, 1909
Walker, Melvin L.....	T. J. Pickett No. 307..	January 2, 1909
Watts, Edward L.....	Waltham No. 384.....	October 14, 1908
Weese, Elias Nelson....	Minooka No. 528.....	June 7, 1909
Wesson, Silas D.....	Leland No. 558.....	February 4, 1909
Weston, Uri W.....	Ashlar No. 308.....	May 14, 1909
Wheeler, James A., Jr..	Auburn Park No. 789..	November 14, 1908
White, Edward P.....	Blair Lodge No. 393...	December 31, 1908
Williamson, William H.	Greenview No. 653....	October 5, 1908
Withers, Henry C.....	Carrollton No. 50.....	March 17, 1909
Woodcock, Robert H...	South Macon No. 467..	May 3, 1909
Workman, Alonzo.....	Scotland No. 743.....	April 20, 1909

APPENDIX—PART I.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE 1909

"And, when, in coming years,
We bow in sorrowing tears,
O'er death's last choice;
Grant then sweet hope to cheer,
The faith that knows no fear,
The quickened ear to hear
The still small voice."

—*Joseph Robbins.*



DR. JOSEPH ROBBINS, P.G.M.

September 12, 1834 July 19, 1909

JOSEPH ROBBINS was cast in a heroic mold. He was large of stature, broad of mind and generous of heart. Descended from well-bred parents and born in a refined environment, he inherited a taste for learning and grew up in an atmosphere of culture that fostered an ambition for education. To the advantages of his immediate surroundings he added a scholastic degree and a subsequent post graduate course in a medical college, thereby laying a firm foundation for the exceptional development of his future life.

His skill as a physician brought him abundant success in his profession and commanded the complete confidence of his fellows, who freely sought his ever ready counsel and rewarded him with their highest honors. His patients trusted him implicitly, feeling that he was not only their healer but also their teacher and friend.

He took an active interest in political affairs and by his tact and loyalty gained a potent influence in his party, always exerting his power for the promotion of the best principles and the highest welfare of the state. Though often solicited to become a candidate for office he sought no personal preferment, but was always ready to aid in promoting the laudable aspirations of his friends.

He had no patience with the devious ways of the professional politician and no toleration for anything that savored of spoils or graft.

In the Masonic fraternity he early won the highest preferment and placed the impress of his broad learning and profound thought indelibly upon the legislation and literature of the craft. The fundamental principles of the institution had no clearer exponent and its sterling morality no abler defender. He stood firmly for the integrity and sovereignty of the grand lodge plan. His writings had a literary flavor that gave them a peculiar charm and made them an enduring monument to his industry, intelligence and high morality, placing him at the head of the correspondence guild.

Thus was spent a life of the greatest physical vigor, the brightest intellectual power and the highest moral force in the pursuit of a purpose whose keynote was *service*.

Words fail us to tell of the wealth of affection and devotion which his near friends and family enjoyed, or of the sorrow and desolation which his taking away brings to his hearth-stone.

He approached the end in the same spirit in which he had lived; fully conscious of the inevitable he preserved a calm and even cheerful exterior and a peaceful and confident trust in Him who doeth all things well.

Our hero has gone to the grave. We crown his memory with laurels and bedew his tomb with our tears, but our mourning is not without hope, for we know that he has only passed through the thin veil that separates us from the future. The door that opens for entrance only has admitted him, and safe within the realm of eternal bliss he stands with winning smile and outstretched hand to welcome us as one by one we follow on.

TRIBUTES TO BROTHER ROBBINS FROM SOME OF HIS FELLOW LABORERS AT THE ROUND TABLE AND MEMBERS OF THE REPORTORIAL CORPS.

"In the death of Joseph Robbins I have lost a devoted brother, the correspondence guild its chief, the Masonic world its ablest advocate."

GEO. E. KNEPPER, *Idaho.*

"Is he gone, the pure of the purest?
The hand that upheld our blue banner the surest,
Is he gone from our struggles away?
But yesterday lending his brethren new life,
Cold, mute in the coffin, today."

"Our loss is irreparable. My sorrow is too great to tell in words."

THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, SR., *Texas.*

"In the death of Brother Robbins Masonry has suffered a distinct loss. He was the dean of the reportorial corps, his distinguishing characteristic being his unswerving devotion to the customs and traditions of Ancient Craft Masonry."

ALDRO JENKS, *Wisconsin.*

"Brother Robbins was an able and versatile writer, and an ever ready defender of all which in his opinion would promote the interests of Masonry; his loss will be most keenly felt by all who are interested in Masonic literature."

J. M. HODSON, *Oregon.*

"Brother Robbins dead! For half a century he labored with voice and pen for the advancement of Masonry. He was a Masonic writer of rare power. He had clear and deeply confirmed convictions and courage to maintain them. When such a man dies it is as when a star faints and falls out of the sky."

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, *Utah.*

"As one who for a few years was permitted to be a fellow member with him in the honored circle of grand lodge correspondents I regret that he has been called from his useful labors with us. But we are taught by the lessons he so well knew that the Supreme Grand Master had other and higher duties for him and so called him away to his well deserved reward. Peace be to him."

WILLIAM SHERER, *New York.*

"Brother Joseph Robbins will be sadly missed at the round table. His brain was such a rich mine of Masonic history and jurisprudence, and while he was vigorous and outspoken in maintaining his own ideas, still, withal he did it in such a kindly way, that though we differed with him at times, we could not but love and respect him. Personally, I deeply deplore his loss as that of an old and valued friend."

LOU B. WINSOR, *Michigan.*

"Bro. Joseph Robbins was a fearless expounder of his beliefs, and thereby held a prominent place among the readers of Masonic literature. His writings were ever clear, sharp and readily understood. His position was, as he viewed it, unassailable. His advocacy of a cause as well as his condemnation of a position taken by others was marked by its strength and logic."

ALBRO E. CHASE, *Maine.*

"M.W. Bro. Robbins' work as foreign correspondent ranked with that of such Masonic giants as Vaux, of Pennsylvania; Drummond, of Maine; Parvin, of Iowa; Vincil, of Missouri, and Singleton, of the District of Columbia. It stood for the best that there was of zeal, tact, scholarship and devotion to Masonry."

E. T. D. CHAMBERS, *Quebec.*

"Brother Robbins was able and learned, forceful and accurate, dignified and kindly, and, above all things, intensely loyal to the 'Masonry of the lodge' as he phrased it. In his death the fraternity has sustained a great loss."

JAMES M. LAMBERTON, *Pennsylvania.*

"The announcement of Brother Robbins' death has struck me as a blow of personal bereavement.

"His untiring advocacy of all that is lofty and righteous, his ceaseless vindication of Masonic ideals, his utter abhorrence of anything selfish or mercenary intruding into the temple drew all true hearts to him. His warm friendship for the individual reviewers shone always resplendent, even when their opinions were most repugnant to his standards and were most trenchantly assailed. There was but one Joseph Robbins and he will not be replaced."

S. A. Brown, *South Dakota.*

"I regard Joseph Robbins, of Illinois, as the one Mason in all the world whose opinion upon the standing and legitimacy of the several grand lodges throughout the world was authoritative. I know of no one equipped to fill his place in this particular. It is easy to comment, but few of us have time or inclination to delve in history for the facts. The word I would utter in tribute of Brother Robbins is, May there be one somewhere in the Masonic world, who will so grow in Masonic learning that he can take the place of the distinguished brother, now raised to the all perfect degree."

Stephen James Chadwick, *Washington.*

"Dr. Robbins was hardly the inferior of Mackey in general Masonic knowledge, or of Pike as a writer of forcible and classical English in which that knowledge could be expressed.

"But I am not writing today to extol the abilities of a great Freemason, who stands in no need of my own or of any other man's panegyric. His writings will live and will form an abiding claim to the recognition of his merits as a teacher of the craft. The object I have most at heart, in these hasty lines, is to mourn the loss of a dear and valued friend, and to associate with my own, in this imperfect tribute to his memory, the names of William James Hughan and W. J. Chetwode Crawley, by each of whom our deceased brother was as greatly esteemed and as deeply beloved as he was by the undersigned."

Robert Freke Gould, *England.*

INTRODUCTION.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

The report on correspondence goes out this year with the emblems of sorrow in the foreground. Our eminent brother, who for so many years has led and instructed us through his charming reports, lies silent in the tomb. We admired Brother Robbins for his splendid form, we respected him for his profound intellect, we loved him for his affectionate heart, and we mourn for his untimely death. For the twenty-one years last past, and at intevals for eight previous years, or for twenty-nine years in all, he had given us in his incomparable style a clear, comprehensive and instructive exposition of the chief items of interest in the Masonic world. He not only recorded the action taken in the various grand jurisdictions, but he also gave us such enlightened comments thereon that his reports were veritable cyclopedias of facts, and reliable text books for study and for a complete education in what is best and most valuable in the institution. But disease laid its relentless hand upon him, the slow but certain ravages of an incurable and painful malady—borne with uncomplaining fortitude and resignation—so sapped his great vitality that after he had reviewed the proceedings of one jurisdiction and just commenced another of this year's report he was compelled to relinquish the work. A successor had to be found. By his choice, and the partiality of the Grand Master, the mantle of a giant fell upon the narrow shoulders of the writer and fairly smothered him in its folds, for he realized the magnitude of the labor and the inadequacy of the time in which to perform it. He also keenly felt his lack of equipment for the work, and his entire want of experience. Although he knew that his best efforts must inevitably suffer by comparison with what had gone before, a sense of duty compelled a reluctant acceptance of the undertaking, and he finishes the task with the compensating thought that by his failure the way has been made easier for his successor.

The circumstances precluded the possibility of any considerable change of plans for the report, whatever the preference of the reviewer might

be, and compelled adherence in the main to the former methods, and also suggested the necessity of utilizing any assistance that might be available.

With the help of brethren who promptly came at my call sixty-four of the sixty-nine jurisdictions with which Illinois is in communication have been reviewed in this report, six of them for two years, making a total of seventy reviews. Five jurisdictions are not reported. Cuba, because the writer cannot read Spanish, and England, Queensland, Victoria, and Western Australia, because for some reason unknown to us their proceedings failed to come to hand. We especially regret the absence of England and Queensland, because we would be glad to see and record a little advance towards a settlement of the friction which has come to trouble them, and which we are confident will be settled at last by the recognition of the sovereignty of Queensland in its own proper domain by the mother grand lodge.

The brethren of Utah will be glad to see that they are held in affectionate remembrance by M.W. Bro. A. D. Gash, past grand master of that state, but now a resident of Chicago and a member of Edgewater Lodge, whose poetic hand they will readily recognize in the review of that jurisdiction, a kindly service which he undertook at the committee's request, and for which he has our fraternal thanks.

To the members of the guild we make our best bow and extend a timid but cordial hand. We feel like an unbidden guest in a distinguished company without appropriate apparel. We ask only a temporary place at the board and a very small space at the foot of the table. If the promise of years and strength were ours we would gladly strive for recognition among your honored ranks, for the work is inspiring and the opportunity for service large.

We regret that time has failed us to make that careful study of the trend of events as disclosed by the reports under review, which would enable us to express a definite opinion of the general situation.

From the hurried reading we have been able to make we believe that there is good reason for an optimistic view of Masonry's future, though we confess to some misgivings in certain directions.

Conservative by nature and growing more so with advancing years, we are inclined to deprecate sincerely the tendencies towards innovations

and modernization which crop out from time to time. We firmly believe, however, that the great heart of the fraternity is in the right place and that it beats true to the principles and landmarks which the fathers fixed for our government. Some of the younger brethren fail to take themselves and the institution as seriously as they should. They are quite too prone to be carried away with vague notions of universality, general grand bodies, society functions, high sounding titles, and the spectacular displays which in the name and under the guise of Masonry obtrude themselves on their attention.

But we hope that patient forbearance and kindly advice on the part of the older and more conservative brethren, and the added wisdom which years and experience will bring, will turn the ambition of these young enthusiasts into broader and better fields and promote a deeper study of the fundamentals, a better understanding of the meaning of Masonry, and a nobler service to humanity. Fraternally,

EDWARD COOK, *Committee.*

Chicago, Sept. 20, 1909.

Some Planks for a Sound Masonic Platform.

The Ancient Landmarks.

The conclusion of the congress is that the ancient landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the Charges of a Freemason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which brethren distinguish each other as Masons.—*Masonic Congress, Chicago, 1893.*

"The Body of Masonry"—"The Original Plan of Masonry"—"The Principles and Groundwork of Masonry."

The groundwork of Masonry is the reciprocal acceptance and symbolical teaching by God-acknowledging men of certain obligations derived from the moral law and recognized as being due to their Creator, to themselves and to each other; the assumption of these obligations in substance, form and manner to confer the Masonic status being only possible within the body of certain organizations called lodges, existing by virtue of warrants or charters from a representative grand lodge consisting of and formed by the masters and wardens of all the lodges in communication therewith, with the grand master of its own election at the head; which grand lodge is the supreme power of the jurisdiction which it occupies, save as constrained by the ancient landmarks, the paramount, irrepealable, unchangeable law of Masonry; and when thus lawfully assumed these obligations are a perpetual guarantee—apart from the temporary distinctions of master, fellow and apprentice—of an absolute equality of rights, benefits, privileges and eligibilities.—*Joseph Robbins.*

"Lest We Forget."

"There should be no bookkeeping for or on account of a sick brother. Masonry and money are things apart. This is an age of money above all things it seems. Let Masonry be the great light forever reminding us in our mad scramble that wealth will count for nothing in that scale where a widow's tear weighs more than the purest gold."—*Stephen J. Chadwick.*

Impudent Assumption, No Right.

"The impudent assumption of the right by the grand council of the thirty-third degree to constitute and administer symbolic lodges of A.F. and A.M. is a right which supreme councils of the thirty-third degree

never possessed and which we believe they have never before attempted to exercise."—*Henry L. Palmer.*

"Charity Is Kind."

"The association of Masons in a lodge in no manner relieves them from their individual obligations, and when they act as a lodge their duty, and therefore that of the lodge, is precisely the same as that of the individual. Masonic relief is never purchased or sold and therefore never creates a debt."—*Josiah H. Drummond.*

From the Master's Installation Engagements.

"You promise to respect genuine brethren, and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Masonry?"

"You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry?"

"You admit that no new lodge shall be formed without permission from the grand lodge, and that no countenance be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person clandestinely intiated therein, being contrary to the Ancient Charges of Freemasonry?"

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON

MASONIC CORRESPONDENCE

1909

EDWARD COOK, P. G. M.

ALABAMA, 1908.

88TH ANNUAL. MONTGOMERY. DECEMBER 1.

A half-tone portrait of the grand master, HUGH S. D. MALLORY, forms the frontispiece of this volume. Five past grand masters were present and thirty-two members of the diplomatic corps, the latter including W. W. DAFFIN, of Grove Hill, the representative of Illinois, who was appointed grand lecturer at the session under review. Grand Master MALLORY announced the death of Past Grand Master JOHN GIDEON HARRIS, eminent in military and civil life, aged seventy-four; and of JOSEPH H. EDWARDS, senior grand deacon, a physician active in educational matters, whose passing occurred at the early age of thirty-seven, cutting short a life of great promise. Deceased also was Bro. JESSE M. CARMICHAEL, a member of the committee on jurisprudence.

The grand master reported no less than sixty-seven decisions covering nearly thirteen pages of the proceedings. Fifty-two were approved without qualification. Of the remainder several were subject to verbal criticism but without dissent from the main points at issue, and one was deprived of the quality of an edict not because the committee on jurisprudence had any criticism to make as to what was declared in the decision, for they confessed that they had none, but because they thought it unwise to attempt to lay down certain specified rules for fear that they would have a misleading effect upon the lodges. The decision (No. 33) was as follows:

33. While it is well established that the lodge may order a new trial on grounds specified in our Masonic Manual; this right should be wisely limited and exercised. Evidence which was known and accessible to the

lodge, or to the accused if in his favor, and which could have been procured and produced at the trial with reasonable diligence, but was not, should not, as a rule, be used as a basis for a new trial.

Inasmuch as the decision was to narrow and simplify the grounds upon which a lodge might properly grant a new trial (a proceeding unknown to the Illinois code), the position of the committee does not seem to us well taken; but it serves a useful purpose in calling attention to the growing and mischievous paternalism which fears to trust the judgment of the lodges in directions where self-reliance should be encouraged if they are to be aught but automatons.

We append some of the other decisions which were approved by the grand lodge, retaining for reference their original numbers:

15. A Master Mason's lodge may be opened without first opening on either the E. A. or F. C. degrees.

16. A lodge may elect a member thereof to the office of W.M. who has filled the station of warden, either in this grand jurisdiction or in any other grand jurisdiction recognized by this grand jurisdiction.

19. The newly elected master of a lodge declined to qualify or act. The newly elected wardens were duly installed. Thereafter the lodge applied to the grand master for dispensation to elect a worshipful master. Held: The grand master was without authority to grant the dispensation. The dispensation might have issued on proper application, prior to the installation of the wardens, but the wardens having been installed, the senior warden would fill the East until next regular election of officers, and at lodge meetings he would call on some brother to occupy the West for that meeting.

20. The W.M. in appointing committees of investigation on petitions for initiation or affiliation, should not withhold from the knowledge of the lodge the names of such committee. The W.M. acts for the lodge in appointing these committees, and the lodge has the right to know the names of those appointed.

25. A brother dimitted from his lodge, and made application for membership in another lodge, accompanied by his dimit. He was rejected. He then petitioned his original lodge for membership. Before acting on the petition, this lodge must have the consent of the lodge rejecting him.

No. 15 is contrary to Illinois practice, and finds its principal defense as "a saver of time." We are of the opinion that in no way can a grand lodge take a more efficient step towards careful, accurate and uniform work than by requiring that the full ceremonies of opening and closing in regular succession through the degrees to the highest one used on the occasion shall be practiced at every meeting of the lodge. Those who have witnessed the steady growth of interest in the work in this state and the gratifying approach to uniformity and have studied the causes for the success that has been achieved, will unite in endorsing the views

herein expressed that a strict and full adherence to the complete opening ceremonies is one of the most potent factors in insuring accuracy in all parts of the work. If the mere saving of time or the avoidance of monotonous reiterations is the prevailing argument, why should not the Master, when he knows from personal knowledge that all present are Master Masons, declare the lodge opened in any of the three degrees without any form or ceremony?

No. 16 is in accordance with our law on the subject and needs no defense.

No. 19 develops a situation which could not occur in Illinois, because our law requires that the installation must begin with the Master.

No. 20 conforms to the Illinois practice and announces what we believe to be sound doctrine.

No. 25 appears to be based on the idea that a lodge obtains jurisdiction over a brother by rejecting his petition for affiliation. This is good doctrine in case of a profane applying for initiation but is entirely opposed to our views of the rights of a brother.

The grand master issued seventeen dispensations for the formation of new lodges. One was continued, one was given for the re-organization of a lodge, four for removal, five to elect officers whose places were made vacant by removal from the jurisdiction and eleven to elect officers at other than the usual time.

A number of dispensations were given to confer degrees out of time—"always requiring good reasons therefor,"—but a dispensation to authorize conferring three degrees upon one candidate the same day was refused. Upon this he wisely remarks, "it is too often the case that a brother does not apply himself to learn the work after he has passed through the degrees and it is of great importance that he should be required to have suitable proficiency before being passed or raised."

He gives the details of the authorization of the purchase, mortgaging and sale of lodge property, remarks very pleasantly about his visits to Masonic conferences, installations, dedications and notes special communications of the grand lodge to place thirteen corner-stones. He refers to the appointment of brethren to be W.M. and J.W. of a lodge till the next annual communication, but does not disclose the whereabouts or whatabouts of the S.W. in the meantime nor inform us what became of his constitutional rights. He commends the services of the committee on widows' and orphans' home, and felicitates the brethren upon the prospect that their efforts are promising early success in raising the necessary funds for the benefaction.

His address gives abundant evidence that he had a busy year, and that Masonry profited by his assiduous and efficient efforts.

The Masonic home committee reported the receipt of $11,233.96 from contributions made in answer to their appeal, which, added to money previously received, made a total of $22,797.64 available cash in hand, in addition to which pledges to the amount of $13,350.00 were received; truly a fine showing of voluntary donations. They also report the proffer of seventy acres of land and a cash contribution of $12,000 from a town desiring to secure for itself the location of the home. The brethren of Alabama have evidently gone about the establishment of a home for the needy in a wise, really charitable and truly Masonic way.

The committee on limited or perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, after saying that

The law in this particular in the fifty states and territories (and the District of Columbia) in the United States is as follows:

Perpetual, 14; ten years, 8; five years, 9; three years, 1; one year, 12; six months, 6.

It therefore appears that thirty-six states and territories fix a time limit. The states with perpetual jurisdiction are Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia.

The majority of precedents is for a time limitation.

Recommended the submission to the lodges of a constitutional amendment, limiting the jurisdiction of Alabama lodges over rejected candidates to three years.

On motion of Bro. Zimmerman the grand lodge adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ordering, soliciting, printing, circulating or distributing of any parody of the esoteric work of Masonry for advertising purposes be declared a Masonic offense and any Master Mason so offending shall be subject to discipline.

Resolved, That any lodge having jurisdiction of such offense which fails to take any action thereon, may subject itself to discipline.

The record discloses the following proof of the gallantry of our Alabama brethren:

The grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment and an interesting episode was the appearance of Mrs. Ellen Carnot Dexter, Past Worthy Matron of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter No. 10, O. E. S., and Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Alabama, with the ladies of Elizabeth Armstrong Chapter, bearing salutation to the grand lodge and beautiful flowers to the grand master and grand secretary.

The address of Mrs. Dexter was happily responded to by the grand master in behalf of himself and the grand secretary.

The occasion was highly interesting and enjoyable. Upon the retirement of the ladies the grand lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Chartered lodges on the roll, 1908..... 484
Represented at the meeting..... 391
Number of members.....21,222

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is by the able writer, Bro. WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, who gives seven of his valuable pages to a review of our proceedings for 1907. His summary of Grand Master ALLEN'S address shows a careful and appreciative reading, and he notes his reference to new lodges instituted, halls dedicated, corner-stones placed, the relief extended to California sufferers, schools of instruction and the subdivision of the state into fifty instead of the thirty previous districts. He characterizes the grand secretary's report as "a business-like document evincing careful preparation," and says of the report of the trustees of the homes that it "was very satisfactory."

He refers very pleasantly to the complimentary reception accorded to M.W. Bro. JOHN M. PEARSON, at the completion of fifty years of active and influential service in Masonry, and notices the introduction of M.W. Bro. ABRAM DALE GASH, P.G.M. of Utah.

He quotes the report of our committee on correspondence adverse to the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and says of the report that it is short but comprehensive, giving well founded and cogent reasons for such denial.

Of the work of M.W. Bro. ROBBINS he says:

To intimate that the report on correspondence presented by Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, chairman of the committee, is able, would but feebly express our impressions regarding it. It is masterly. It is as full of information as an "egg is of meat." If his brethren, who have access thereto, fail to read it, they will miss lots of instruction.

He transcribes in full the special report giving the lists of Grand Lodges entitled to *full recognition*—to *qualified recognition* and to *no recognition*—and adds that "A lively sense of justice pervades all of Brother Robbins' utterances." He concludes by saying that he leaves "bushels of good things unnoticed."

HUGH S. D. MALLORY, Selma, grand master; GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, grand secretary.

ALBERTA, 1909.

4TH ANNUAL. LETHBRIDGE. MAY 26.

This small but neatly printed pamphlet contains as a frontispiece a half-tone portrait of the out-going grand master, M.W. Bro. REV. G. H. HOGBIN.

The proceedings of the annual communication are preceded by the minutes of three special meetings, the first at Lethbridge, June 9, 1908, to lay the corner-stone of a public school building; the second at Frank, Sunday, April 25, 1909, to attend the funeral of M.W. Bro. THOMAS ALEXANDER MCLEAN, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, and the third at Calgary, April 26, 1909, to dedicate a Masonic temple.

At the annual session, nineteen grand officers, four past grand masters, four past grand officers, twenty-six representatives of other grand lodges, sixty-two past masters and the representatives of twenty-eight constituent lodges were present.

After the grand lodge was opened, the mayor of Lethbridge was introduced, and in a short address welcomed the grand lodge to his city, and extended the freedom of the same to the brethren. Grand Master HOGBIN delivered his annual address, in which, in speaking of the dedication of the Masonic hall at Calgary, he said:

One feature in particular in connection with this hall is the establishment of a Masonic club open to all Masons to join, which supplies especially in a large city a want largely felt. I would submit such action to the thought and consideration of the brethren of the other large towns and cities in the province. Wholesome amusement, friendly intercourse and Masonic instruction are not light things to be neglected where they can be obtained freed from possible temptations for so many of our young brethren, who in our large centers are living far from home in boarding houses or lodgings, to say nothing of the transient visitors continually passing through our midst.

In regard to the suspension of brethren for the non-payment of dues, he said:

It is often the best thing for the brother personally, that he should be suspended if dues accrue for any length of time against him, as it prevents them from piling up so that they reach what amounts to an impossibility for him to pay, no dues being required during the suspended period. And on the other hand, if circumstances are such as to make the brethren of the lodge feel a disinclination to suspend one of their number, they have the remedy in their own hands—they can remit the dues altogether. If the reason for non-suspension is of sufficient weight to compel them to refrain from taking the drastic action, my opinion is,

that that same reason should be quite sufficiently weighty to allow the brother to vote or to hold office. Either keep him in good standing altogether or else suspend him altogether, and not leave him neither one thing or the other.

He did not render the usual number of decisions, and said under the head of "Rulings:"

One question was submitted to me of some importance and which was by no means easy to answer. It was this: "In case of a Masonic trial, can the worshipful master of the lodge act as counsel for the defense of the accused?"

After long consideration and consultation with others I gave the definite ruling, "No." I think the question is of importance and would suggest that it be referred to the committee on jurisprudence, as it is quite within your power, brethren of grand lodge, to make a ruling overriding the one given by me for guidance on any future occasion. Perhaps I may be allowed to briefly state my reasons for ruling as I did. In the first place, the W.M. in a lodge stands in a peculiar position with relation to the grand lodge. To him the grand lodge looks to see that all things, Masonic trials included, are done in order and according to constitutional usage and Masonic law. Should any breach of these occur, the grand lodge holds the W.M., if present in his lodge, absolutely responsible. When present in the lodge he cannot divest himself of that responsibility, and in points relating to procedure and law he is the constituted authority to whom his brethren look for rulings, subject of course, to the appeal to the G.M. or grand lodge. Further than that, in his position as master he has solemnly obligated himself to conduct the affairs of the lodge with absolute impartiality, and I cannot conceive that taking the position of counsel for the defense is compatible with that oath.

We do not remember having seen the above question passed upon before, and are of the opinion that the grand master was correct in his diagnosis of the case. That he believes that the past masters belong to the ancient and honorable order of "has-beens," is shown by the following:

Another question easier to answer has cropped up more than once, and that is the relative positions of the past masters and the wardens of the lodge in the absence of the master. The older and experienced of you brethren know of course what the decision is according to our constitution and ceremonial of institution. In the absence of the W.M. the S.W., and in the absence of those two, the J.W. rules the lodge. I only mention it and the reason for the requirement for the sake of guidance to the younger lodges. The past master has no more inherent authority in the lodge itself, as a right, than the youngest Master Mason. He has supposedly done his good work during the term of his office and then has "retired into the multitude," as the words of our installation ceremony put it. The wardens are told when installed that they, in succession, may be called upon to rule the lodge, and as I mentioned above, one reason, and perhaps the strongest for the regulation, is that grand lodge must have some one brother in the lodge whom it can hold responsible for the due and proper observance of its rules at all times.

The grand lodge in its constitution holds that the wardens are the proper persons to carry the responsibilty and not an indefinite person in the shape of the senior past master present or even the junior past master.

Under the head of "Our Mother Grand Lodge," he remarked:

At its last annual communication our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba voted a sum of $1,000 from its general funds to this grand lodge and also to the other daughter, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The disposition of this money remains for you to decide. I suggest that a very sincere and cordial resolution of thanks should be drafted and sent to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in time to reach the secretary before its next annual communication, next month.

He closed his address with the following beautiful sentiment:

When Masonry makes us feel that an injustice done to another is done to us because we are brothers, when it makes us realize that where evil is there exists the call to put it down, when we feel a compelling power to go out into the highways and hedges and do what we can to relieve the distressed, the fatherless and widow, when vice, impurity, blasphemy and any other wickedness sound the trumpet call to each of us to do what we can to put them down, then and then only shall we be doing what our great and glorious institution expects of us, and the sooner we shall realize the great truths on which our fraternity is founded—the Loving Fatherhood of the Author of our being and the Brotherhood of mankind everywhere.

Grand Treasurer N. J. Lindsay reports expenditures of $4,900 and a cash balance of $2,782.

Grand Secretary George Macdonald in his report stated that during the year fourteen lodges were constituted and six others instituted. He enumerated the special dispensations granted by the grand master, including thirteen to wear regalia at divine service and two to wear regalia at Masonic "at homes." One dispensation was for a lodge U.D. "to work until constituted under charter, original dispensation having been lost by fire." Another was for a lodge "to work until charter replaced, original charter having been destroyed by fire." Here in Illinois we believe that the action of the grand lodge or grand master in granting a charter or dispensation is not invalidated by the destruction of the document certifying to the grant, just as we believe that if a commission or certificate issued to a grand lodge officer is burned up that the officer's title to his position is just as complete as before the destruction of the parchment.

In the report of the librarian is noted the receipt from the Grand Lodge of Illinois of a cloth bound copy of its proceedings for 1908, and "The History of the Laureation of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead."

A handsome chain collar was presented M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor, past grand master, and the representatives of sister grand lodges were received and welcomed by the grand master, and fraternal greetings exchanged.

A special committee of board of general purposes on examination of visitors submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

1. That each lodge provide visitors' tickets, on which the visiting brother shall state his name, address, lodge, where situated, secretary's name and address, and the name of the grand lodge under which his lodge holds jurisdiction. That each secretary mail immediately to the secretary of the visitor's lodge, a suitable letter informing them of his visit. These forms to be furnished the lodges by the grand secretary so that they may be uniform.

2. That the examining committee in every case request documentary evidence showing the visiting brother to be in good standing in his lodge. The absence of documentary evidence should, however, not deprive the visiting brother of admission to the lodge if his examination is otherwise satisfactory.

3. Tyler's oath as follows:

I..... do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in a just and legally constituted lodge of such; that I do not stand suspended or expelled, and I know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my brethren.

That this be made uniform throughout the jurisdiction.

4. That the visiting brother be given a general examination with regard to Freemasonry, its nature, aims, objects and symbolism, also a general description of lodges, its officers, furniture and their situation, and any other information that will tend to prove his *bona-fides*.

5. That a rigid examination in the work of the several degrees be given every visitor. This does not necessarily imply the giving of all the examinations but sufficient to prove to the entire satisfaction of the examining board that the visitor is entitled to Masonic recognition.

6. The examining board to be composed of a past master or other experienced Mason, and a young Mason—the latter for the purpose of qualifying him to conduct examinations.

7. That the D.D.G.M.'s on the occasion of their official visits, be instructed to see that these instructions are carried out, and if necessary to hold a lodge of instruction in examinations.

The committee on jurisprudence, in reporting as to the standing of Brother FINCH in relation to the resolution of the grand lodge which purported to give him the title of past master, very sensibly said:

As to the question that the grand lodge has no power to make any brother a past master. This title is defined in the constitution as applying to a brother who has been elected master of a lodge and who has served for twelve months in that position. It is one obtained as a consequence of the vote of brethren in lodge assembled. In our opinion the motion passed by grand lodge was constitutionally wrong and should be expunged, and the grand secretary directed to inform Perfection Lodge that Brother Finch is not a past master and must not be so returned.

In the report of the committee on fraternal dead appears the name of Brother Loyal L. Munn, past grand secretary of Illinois. The report of the committee on grand master's address contains the following, which has our earnest endorsement:

With regard to the dispensations issued, the committee are of the opinion that it would be advisable for grand master to refuse dispensation to wear regalia at "at homes." Your committee can see no good reason for such and feel that the best interests of the craft can best be served by refusal of such applications.

J. T. Macdonald, of Calgary, was elected grand master; George Macdonald, of Calgary, was re-elected grand secretary.

There is no report on correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1908.

27th Annual. Prescott. November 17.

The volume opens with a half-tone portrait of Cyrus G. Jones, grand master, whose fine strong face prepares us to expect the terse business-like address in which he reported to the grand lodge the salient points of his administration.

The lapel of his coat bears evidence that he is more than willing that his brethren shall know that he is familiar with sands even hotter than those of Arizona.

The book also contains cuts of a front view of the Masonic Temple at Prescott—a beautiful and solid building—and of the interior of the hall of Aztlan Lodge No. 1 of Prescott, dedicated by the grand lodge during its session.

There were present nine past grand masters and twenty-four representatives of other grand jurisdictions, including M.W. Bro. Artemus Louden Grow, standing for Illinois.

In the grand master's report on necrology he is able to say that "the ranks of our grand lodge have not been invaded by the angel of death during the year, save in the single instance of Bro. Charles David Haney, W. grand standard bearer." He gives considerable space to correspondence between himself and the grand master and grand secretary of Texas, growing out of a case where relief was furnished by a lodge in Arizona to a member of a Texas lodge who was severely injured in a railroad accident. Large expenses were incurred and as both lodges

had small membership and were not strong financially the pecuniary burden was a serious matter. There was no preliminary agreement or arrangement as to payment of these expenses. Arizona took the ground that the Texas lodge was justly indebted and morally bound to repay the outlay and that if unable to pay, the Grand Lodge of Texas should reimburse it for the expenditure.

Texas on the contrary maintained that while she would gladly see her lodges meet all proper demands for relief, she believed that "Masonic charity attaches as an individual responsibility and does not spring from lodge organization and that it is unwise to attempt its administration by rules and regulations." The correspondence was in the main a renewal of the discussion which was prominent a few years ago under the head of the "Wisconsin plan," and which resulted in a pretty general consensus of opinion, in which Illinois concurred, that in the absence of any definite arrangement extending Masonic relief does not create a collectible liability. The worthiness and need of the recipient, the ability of the helper and the conscientious discharge of acknowledged duty and obligation are the factors to be considered. As the lamented DRUMMOND put it, "Masonic relief is never purchased or sold, and therefore never creates a debt."

The date of meeting of the grand lodge was changed from the second Tuesday in November to the second Tuesday in February.

The grand lodge adopted a form of identification card and authorized the grand secretary to provide lodges with a necessary supply of them.

The grand master authorized the grand secretary

To file with the territorial secretary the emblem of Freemasonry, the square and compass with the letter "G," as provided by chapter 30 of the session laws of the territory of Arizona, 1905, entitled an act for the protection of societies, etc. I had learned that there were clandestine lodges within our borders and this precaution seemed necessary for our protection and I would recommend that any imposter infringing on the rights of Masonry by use of our emblem be prosecuted, as every effort should be made to rid our jurisdiction of all illegal bodies and imposters.

And the grand secretary reported as follows:

REGISTRATION OF SQUARE AND COMPASS.

In accordance with instructions from the M.W. Grand Master, I made out and forwarded to the secretary of the territory the following:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF ARIZONA.

TUCSON, ARIZONA, August 10, 1908.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Territory of Arizona:

Sir: Under the provisions of Chapter 30 of the Session Laws of the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Arizona, entitled

"An Act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the Insignia, Distinctive Ribbons, Membership Rosette or Button of Benevolent, Fraternal or Secret Societies or Organizations," the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona does hereby file for record in your office the emblem used by it and its subordinate bodies as well as by its members, the same being a Square and Compass with the letter "G," of which the following is a fac-simile:



As witness my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, at the place and on the day first above written:

(GRAND LODGE SEAL) GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,
Grand Secretary.

The writer has long been of the opinion that Masonry of the heart and head is a better possession and more safely guarded than certificate or pocket Masonry, and that methods for preventing imposture should be confined to the craft and not delegated to legislatures and magistrates.

A request for recognition was received from the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and was referred to the committee on correspondence, who asked for and was granted further time in which to report.

Let us hope that this committee will secure complete information and be able to report how many grand lodges there are in Mexico and the validity of their respective and conflicting claims to regularity.

No decisions were rendered because the grand master had been able to answer all questions by reference to the constitution or some former decision made and approved by the grand lodge.

The grand secretary reported nineteen lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 1,536, a gain of 125 during the year.

We give space to the following to show the attitude of Arizona on the subject of fixing and publishing a ritual:

Bro. P.G.M. MORRIS GOLDWATER read the following and handed a copy to each member of the grand lodge:

AN ADDRESS.

To the Great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America, through their Representatives in Grand Lodge Assembled:

The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee, believing the use of

cipher rituals of the symbolic degrees of Masonry to be unmasonic, illegal and fraught with danger to Freemasonry, has, by edict, forbidden their purchase, sale or use within its jurisdiction, and has also invited its sister grand lodges to unite with it in a resolute purpose to suppress this baleful and unmasonic practice, and it rejoices in the favorable responses thereto received from the great majority of the American grand jurisdictions, but this grand body has heard with regret and astonishment that some grand lodges in the United States not only do not forbid, but, on the contrary, expressly authorize the use of printed rituals, purporting to describe the secret work of the symbolic degrees, and even print and furnish copies thereof to their subordinates, whereby the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry may be unlawfully divulged.

Some publish specious arguments in excuse for so doing, as did the Grand Orient of France for its action in removing the Bible from its altars. Such conduct and action in the one case as in the other, is wholly repugnant to the work and genius of the Freemasonry of Tennessee, as we have received it from the fathers, and are bound to transmit it to posterity. It is a plain breach of obligation and duty in letter and spirit, and a course not open for argument. Our fraternal relation to these grand bodies, however, suggests that possibly such contrary views and practices may spring from different systems of Freemasonry, built upon different foundations, having different rituals and obligations, and not of the same origin, faith or practice. Surely their ways are not our ways, and their landmarks cannot be ours.

In view of this, and that no cause of misunderstanding or complaint may exist against the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for any course it may be compelled to pursue, this grand lodge hereby declares its abiding faith in, and unswerving loyalty to, the following fundamental tenets of Freemasonry received, maintained and cherished, as we have ever learned and taught, by all Free and Accepted Masons always and everywhere:

1. Freemasonry has as essentials certain secrets of ritual which it forever conceals and never reveals to any persons in the world except its own members.

2. These ancient mysteries are communicated only by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and are safely lodged in the faithful breast; and any other mode of communication in Ancient Craft Masonry is most positively forbidden in solemn form and manner.

3. So likewise is forbidden the writing, printing or marking in any manner, of these secrets or any sign or letter thereof, whereby the same becomes legible or intelligible to any person, lest these secrets might become known to the profane.

4. No individual Mason is exempt from the obligation of profound secrecy, and no human power can authorize him to write, print or mark Masonic secrets in any manner whatsoever.

5. These secrets are ancient landmarks of Freemasonry and no body of men, inside or outside of lodge or grand lodge, has power to make innovations in Ancient Craft Masonry.

Standing upon these ancient precepts of our brotherhood we are not at liberty to violate them, nor to encourage or sanction their violation by others of our fraternity and obligation. We must obey them, and so

must all within the sacred precincts and the inevitable consequences of disobedience must rest upon those who will not obey. It is no excuse or justification for any, that men are eager to break these laws, or that men have broken them before, or that in other degrees or orders of American Masonry cipher rituals may be in common use. Our duty and obligation, as Ancient Craft Masons, compel our obedience to these ancient regulations.

In Tennessee we are resolved to remain true to our vows, steadfast to our trust, and not to abjure the faith nor suffer innovations in our work. And we earnestly and fraternally call upon all our brother Masons of the Ancient York Rite, now happily the American Rite of Symbolic Masonry, wherever they may reside, to abide with us in our unalterable purpose and resolve to preserve the landmarks and keep sacred and inviolate the secrets of our beloved fraternity. Hitherto we have all been of one mind in this course, and all has gone well with us. The restless spirit of change and modern habits of impatience are bringing disorder and confusion into our counsels, and unless resisted and routed will, by innovation, bring discord to our own ranks and destruction to our peace and harmony. Let us all stand together in the ancient ways.

For the Committee of Jurisprudence,
HENRY H. INGERSOLL,
Secretary.

Bro. GOLDWATER also offered the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the special committee which had in charge the report of the committee on preparing a ritual:

WHEREAS, At the annual session of this grand lodge, held at Morenci in 1907, a resolution was introduced by W. Bro. J. L. Johnson in reference to the "publication of a ritual," which resolution was adopted; now therefore

Be it Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of Arizona that said resolution be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Arizona now places itself on record as being in full sympathy with the principles and sentiments expressed by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee in the address sent out by it to the Great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Said committee reported as follows:

Your special committee to whom was referred the resolution introduced by P.G.M. Bro. Goldwater, in regard to rescinding the resolution adopted by the last grand lodge in regard to publishing the ritual, heartily recommends its adoption.

We also endorse the sentiments expressed in the report of the committee on jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in regard to publishing the ritual and thank them for the interest and position they have taken in the matter.

And the report was concurred in by the grand lodge. The committee further reported:

Your special committee to which was referred the report of the committee appointed at the last session of this grand lodge, to pre-

pare a ritual for presentation at this grand lodge, begs leave to report as follows:

That we have read the ritual so far as the limited time allowed permitted, but feel that in a matter of so great importance and vital interest to the craft that the time is altogether too short.

We find, however, that owing to mistakes made in copying, and, we suppose, inadvertence on the part of the typewriter, that there are many corrections and additions necessary.

We appreciate and thank Brothers Ormsby, Shaw, and Roskruge for the immense labor they have performed, but at the same time we recommend that the form of ritual as presented be first rewritten and corrected as to spelling, punctuation and grammar by a committee consisting of the M.W. grand master, grand secretary, and grand lecturer, and when so rewritten and corrected that the same shall become the ritual of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Also, that there be two copies made, one of which shall be in the custody of the grand secretary, and the other for the use of the grand lecturer, both of which copies shall at all times be under the discretion and at the disposal of the grand master.

We would also recommend that the grand lecturer appoint three or more deputy grand lecturers, the said appointments to be approved by the grand master, said deputies to assist the officers of the lodge in their respective districts to the end that uniformity in the work, which is the object for which we are striving, be accomplished.

And this report was adopted.

And so the Grand Lodge of Arizona, after endorsing the impregnable and solid position of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, emphatically condemning the writing, printing, or in any way making legible the secret work of Masonry, calmly proceeds to authorize the making of two official copies of their ritual. The inconsistency is too broad for characterization and reminds us of the old story of the maid who excused her lapse on the ground that "the baby was so small."

There is no report on correspondence.

Fletcher Morris Doan, Tombstone, grand master; George J. Roskruge, Tucson, grand secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1908.

66TH ANNUAL. LITTLE ROCK. NOVEMBER 17.

This well-printed volume contains full-page portraits of the incoming grand master, EDGAR A. MCCULLOCH, and ROSWELL T. SPENCER, grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and a vignette half-tone of Grand Secretary FAY HEMPSTEAD. The volume opens with the proceedings of the special meeting of the grand lodge held on December 7, 1907, for the laying of the corner-stone of the Southern Presbyterian church at Prairie Grove.

At the annual communication eleven of the seventeen surviving past grand masters, and the representatives of forty-six grand jurisdictions were present, including Brother FRANK L. WOLVERTON, the envoy of Illinois.

Grand Master M. W. GREESON delivered his annual address, in the course of which he said:

It is my pleasure to report that a kind Providence has left unbroken the line of present and past grand officers of this grand lodge, and for this mercy we lift our hearts in reverential gratitude. The silent reaper has, however, garnered his quota from the brethren of our constituent lodges, calling to their final reward 308 of our number. To this we bow in sorrow and humble submission, dropping a tear upon the graves of our departed dead.

During the year a large number of decisions were rendered, from which we select the following as of more than local interest, which are numbered for our own convenience:

1. A brother should not be declined a dimit for the reason that he does not profess a belief in the divinity of Christ. He must believe in the existence of one true and living God.

2. The worshipful master having removed from the jurisdiction of his lodge, does not create such a vacancy that the senior warden becomes the master, and amenable only to the grand lodge. If guilty of unmasonic conduct; he may be tried the same as if the master still resided within the jurisdiction of the lodge.

3. *Ques.* Can an old and respected citizen, who claims to be a Mason and to have been senior warden of his lodge during the war, but who is unable to present his dimit, be permitted to affiliate? He claims that all records of the lodge to which he belonged were destroyed during the war. We have written to the grand secretary of the grand lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided and got the reply that the time is so far back no record can be found. We would like to receive him if we could legally do so?

Ans. Yes, your lodge in its discretion may receive the brother on his unsupported statement. The vote which would prevent his initiation would bar his affiliation and after all, the question is one of fees. Your lodge knows the man and whether his word may be implicitly relied upon.

4. *Ques.* Where the master in open lodge charges a brother with Masonic offense—drunkenness—he is duly notified by the secretary and appears at the next meeting of the lodge and pleads guilty, but the lodge fails to vote the infliction of any punishment, what is to be done?

Ans. The master may administer such reprimand as he deems proper, and of course any member of the lodge may appeal the case to the grand lodge.

5. *Ques.* Should a brother who dies after his dimit and petition for affiliation have been received and referred be given Masonic burial, or is he a wilful non-affiliate?

Ans. No; he is not a wilful non-affiliate after he petitions the lodge, and if otherwise worthy, should be accorded Masonic burial.

6. *Ques.* Would a lodge whose charter has been destroyed by fire have the right to hold meetings?

Ans. Yes; such a lodge may meet and transact business in the usual way until a duplicate charter is had.

7. *Ques.* A brother is granted a dimit and after several years presents the same to the lodge granting it, with a petition for affiliation. If elected should he be charged with back dues?

Ans. No; when the dimit was granted his dues ceased and he is not liable for dues until he again affiliates.

All were approved except No. 3 and No. 4. The former was disapproved on the ground that the official digest covers the question and provides that the brother should procure the certificates of the nearest brethren of his lodge. In regard to No. 4 the lodge was ordered to send up to the grand lodge the proceedings in the case, and that the grand lodge inflict the proper punishment. Referring to decision No. 1, we are glad to note that our Arkansas brethren require no religious test except a belief in God. No. 2 is good law in Illinois, and in addition to it we do not allow the master or wardens to resign, dimit or take part in the formation of a lodge U.D. Nos. 5, 6 and 7 we think are correctly decided, and in reference to No. 5 will say that we do not believe that a worthy brother who is a non-affiliate should be denied Masonic burial, even though he has not applied for affiliation.

A special report was submitted by the committee on Masonic law and usage relative to the matters referred to it by the grand lodge last year in relation to Scottish Rite Masonry, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is not expedient for this committee or for the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, to take any action affecting the status, or

attempting to determine the authenticity of any organization of which Masons may become members, unless it should appear in point of fact that such other organization is immoral in its tendencies or subversive of the principles of Masonry.

Resolved further, That inasmuch as the southern jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons has been in active operation in Arkansas for fifty years to the exclusion of all other branches of the Scottish Rite, it is the sense of this committee that it will be conducive to harmony if those Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas desiring the Scottish Rite degrees, should affiliate with the southern jurisdiction.

The resolutions were adopted. We are of the opinion that any legislation in regard to any of the so-called higher bodies is out of place in a grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and "that it will be conducive to harmony" to permit no reference to the never ending quarrels of the different branches of the Scottish Rite in a grand lodge, save such reference and discussion as may be necessary to defend the sovereignty of Ancient Craft Masonry when it is assailed.

Grand Master GREESON granted during the year dispensations for ten new lodges, and said in regard to the matter:

I am here led to suggest that, in my opinion, we need to increase the membership and the efficiency of the lodges we have, rather than make more. It would be better for Masonry, as well as better for any brother to be forced to ride miles for his lodge, and even miss some meetings, if by so doing the lodge is made more efficient and strong numerically and financially. I think that section 4, article 4, of our constitution should be changed so that at least double the number now necessary to petition, shall be required. I have granted the above petitions for new lodges for the reason that our law had been complied with and I did not feel that I would be justified in declining, with the recommendation of the nearest lodge and the district deputy grand master.

Under the heading "Felicitation," he said:

For more than a quarter of a century our grand lodges have known the pleasure that comes from an efficient and methodical secretary, the most important officer for any deliberative body. Further, from time to time, the members have been delighted and enchanted by the charming poems that have come from the pen of our Right Worshipful Brother Hempstead. These have been of such merit and purity as to attract the attention of others. Different Masonic Journals throughout our broad land have frequently published his productions with the most favorable comment, and finally, on the 5th day of October, in the city of Chicago, under the auspices of Ravenswood Lodge No. 777, Brother Hempstead was crowned Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

This is a distinction and an honor worthily bestowed upon our brother, in which all Arkansas Masons find a peculiar pleasure. It is all the more sweet, since it comes not from personal seeking, nor from suggestion from our brother's fraternal family, but as a recognition of merit. It is the third time in the history of Masonry that so distinguished an honor has been conferred. The ceremony was elaborate and befitting such an



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R. W. Bro. Jay Hempstead
of Arkansas, as
Poet Laureate of Freemasonry
October the fifth, eight o'clock
Nineteen hundred and eight
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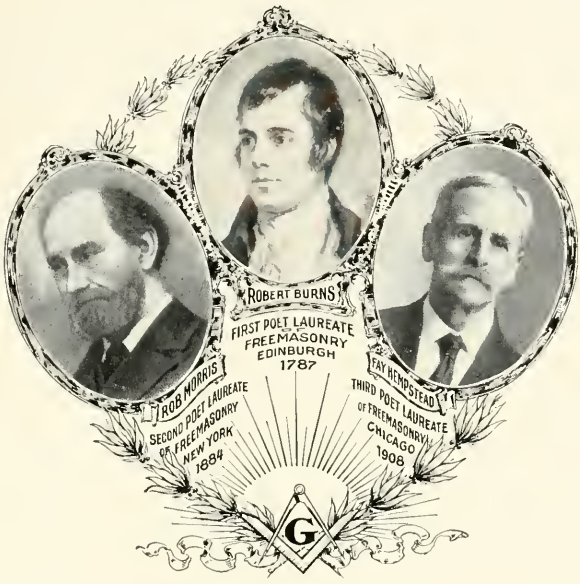
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In the year 1787 in Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, at Edinburgh, Scotland, W. Bro. Robert Burns was coronated first Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

In the year 1884 in the Grand Lodge of New York, at New York City, M. W. Bro. Rob Morris was coronated second Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

In the year 1908 in Ravenswood Lodge No. 777, held in Medinah Temple, at Chicago, Illinois, R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead will be coronated third Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.

"Three poets in three distant ages born."—DRYDEN



"They best can judge a poet's worth,
Who oft themselves have known
The pangs of a poetic birth
By labors of their own."

—*Cowper*

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Chicago, October the Fifth 1908

Medinah Temple

COMPLIMENTS OF RAVENSWOOD LODGE NO. 777.

THE MASON'S ADIEU

By Robert Burns, First Poet Laureate.

Adieu, a heart-warm, fond adieu,
Dear brethren of the mystic tie,
Ye favored and enlightened few,
Companions of my social joy;
Tho' I to foreign lands must hie,
Pursuing fortune's slippery ba',
With melting heart and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, tho' far awa'.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE

By Rob Morris, Second Poet Laureate.

Hands around, ye faithful Masons, the bright fraternal chain;
We part upon the square below to meet in Heaven again.
O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are—
We meet upon the level, and we part upon the square!

LET THERE BE LIGHT

By Fay Hempstead, Third Poet Laureate.

In far-off regions of primeval night
The voice of God decreed: "Let there be light!"
And there was light. The sun's resplendent face
Burst into life, and darkness fled apace.
The gentle day stole o'er the firmament,
And east and west it's rosy presence went.
Then moon and star stood forth in milder guise,
To deck the chambers of the azure skies.
And all was light, and in perfection stood,
And God, beholding, saw that it was good.

So once again, in those grave days of need,
The voice of God compassionate decreed:
"Let there be light!" and once more was there light.
For lo, as if a sunbeam, through the night,
Should upward shoot its long and streaming mark
And cleave a passage through the somber dark,
There rose a light, whose all-sufficient reign
Has swept the world into its wide domain—
'Twas Masonry divine!

occasion and in it the productions of our brother had an important place. I regretted exceedingly that business matters prevented my attendance, and on the day of the coronation I sent the following message:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Roswell T. Spencer, *Chairman,*
265 LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

Arkansas Masons send fraternal greeting and beg to express their gratitude for your initiative in recognizing the zeal and talent of our beloved Bro. Hempstead. Bear to him our congratulations and may today be passed for the brightest and happiest in your Masonic retrospect.

M. W. Greeson,
Grand Master of Arkansas.

To Brother Spencer and to Ravenswood Lodge we feel deeply grateful for the part which they took, and I recommend the appointment of a special committee to properly express to them our feelings, and to arrange for publication in the proceedings of this grand lodge such of the coronation ceremony as seems proper.

In accordance with his recommendation a committee consisting of Past Grand Master Jacob Trieber, Grand Treasurer C. E. Rosenbaum and Past Grand Orator C. C. Hamby was appointed. Their report was as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arkansas has learned with pleasure of the selection and coronation of our esteemed brother, Fay Hempstead, for over a quarter of a century the R.W. grand secretary of that grand lodge, as poet laureate of Freemasonry of the United States. They feel that while the honor is one well deserved by Brother Hempstead, whose gifted and poetic life has for forty years been devoted to Masonry, this grand lodge feels that it is but proper to show its appreciation of the great honor conferred on one of its members. More especially does it feel that thanks are due to Brother Roswell T. Spencer, who initiated the proceedings, and Ravenswood Lodge No. 777, under the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, for the interest they took in the matter. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this grand lodge be tendered to the Masons of the United States, and to Bro. Roswell T. Spencer and Ravenswood Lodge No. 777 for the honor conferred on our brother, Fay Hempstead, and the assurance to all Masonic brethren throughout the United States of our great appreciation thereof. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this grand lodge, and that copies thereof, under seal of the grand lodge, be sent to Bro. Roswell T. Spencer and Ravenswood Lodge No. 777.

A history of the laureation was ordered published as an appendix to the proceedings, and in his official report as grand secretary R.W. Brother Hempstead gave a description of his election and coronation as poet laureate from his personal standpoint, together with an account of his visit to the Grand Lodge of Illinois at its session of 1908. The latter was as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Illinois, A. F. & A. Masons, convening in Chicago on the day following the coronation ceremonies, it gave me pleasure to visit them, not having any relation to the laureacy, but as grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, as a member of this grand lodge, and a servant of it. I was presented as such by Brother Roswell T. Spencer, our grand representative, and was received by the officers and brethren of that grand lodge, with all possible honor and fraternal courtesy. The craft was called up, the attendance being about one thousand delegates, and I was received with the grand honors as practiced in that grand jurisdiction, and responded with a brief address. I received many fraternal courtesies and kindly greetings from the grand master, Brother Alexander H. Bell, their grand secretary, Brother Isaac Cutter, their grand treasurer, Past Grand Master Leroy A. Goddard; Past Grand Masters John Corson Smith, Edward Cook, George M. Moulton, Joseph Robbins, the dean of correspondents of the United States, Abram D. Gash, past grand master of Utah, living in Chicago, and many others, besides the unfailing courtesies and attentions shown me by Brother Spencer at all times. This grand lodge should rejoice in having so good a grand representative as Brother Spencer is. He not only appreciates the position but does good service in it; keeping this grand lodge at all times informed as to what takes place in that jurisdiction, for our information and guidance. The thankful appreciation of this grand lodge is due to Brother Spencer for his untiring efforts in that capacity.

The grand master recommended that a change in the law in reference to balloting on candidates for the degrees be changed from one ballot for each degree separately, to one ballot for all of the three degrees. A resolution to that effect was presented, and was laid over one year for action. The following resolution was presented and referred to the committee on Masonic law and usage for a report at the next session:

Whereas, Freemasonry has essential secrets of ritual which it forever conceals and never reveals to any person in the world; these ancient mysteries are communicated only by the instructive tongue to the attentive ear and are safely lodged in the faithful breast; and any other mode of communication in Ancient Craft Masonry is most positively forbidden in solemn form and manner; so likewise is forbidden the writing, printing or marking in any manner, of these secrets or any sign or letter thereof, whereby the same becomes legible or intelligible to any person, lest these secrets might become known to the profane; and

Whereas, No individual Mason is exempt from the obligation of profound secrecy, and no human power can authorize him to write, print or mark Masonic secrets in any manner whatsoever; these secrets are ancient landmarks of Freemasonry and no body of men, inside or outside of lodge or grand lodge has power to make innovations in Ancient Craft Masonry. Therefore, be it

Resolved, The purchase, sale or use of cipher rituals of the three symbolic degrees of Masonry is forbidden; and any Mason who shall hereafter purchase, sell or use anything purporting to be a cipher ritual or written, printed or otherwise delineated ritual or exposition of Masonry shall be expelled from Masonry.

The trustees of the Orphans' Home rendered their report, containing a financial statement to the effect that upwards of $50,000 has been expended upon the buildings and that they will soon be ready for occupancy.

On the recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence the Grand Orient of Greece was recognized, and several other applications for recognition were laid over until next year. It was ordered that beginning with the session of 1909 the report of the committee on foreign correspondence be published in the proceedings.

During the year seven lodges were chartered, showing that the fraternity has a healthy growth throughout the state. There are now 530 lodges, with a membership of 18,187, the net gain being 505. The receipts of the year of the grand lodge were $21,237; the disbursements, $18,756; balance on hand, $2,481.

Edgar A. McCulloch, of Little Rock, was elected grand master; Fay Hempstead, of Little Rock, re-elected grand secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1908.

37th Annual. Victoria. June 18.

This volume is embellished with full-page portraits of M.W. Brothers Thomas Trounce (1885), William Dalby (1886), and Francis Bowser (1907).

All the grand officers, nine past grand masters, thirty-three representatives of other grand lodges (Bro. William W. Northcott appearing for Illinois), and the representatives of forty-one lodges were in attendance.

Grand Master Francis Bowser delivered his address, in which, under the head of "Necrology," he noted the death of Past Grand Secretary Dill, of Illinois. Under "Foreign Relations," he said:

Several communications have been received from individual Masons, requesting information as to whether they would be allowed to visit the lodges in this jurisdiction, and in each case the request was referred to the recognized grand lodge of the jurisdiction from whence the communication emanated, and the reply was always to the same effect, that they were either suspended Masons, or members of a clandestine lodge, which should impress upon us the importance of being guarded against clandestine Masonry.

He reported having granted a number of special dispensations, fifteen of which were "to attend divine service in regalia," and three "to wear

regalia at a ball." As matters of taste are said not to be subjects of dispute, we shall make no comments. He stated that he had refused all requests for dispensations to confer degrees in less time than is required by the constitution, which meets with our hearty approval. He granted four dispensations for new lodges and continued one from last year. He rendered the following decisions:

Section 157.—No lodge room once dedicated to Masonry shall, while occupied by Masons, be used for other than Masonic purposes. Please inform us if it is a violation of this section for the chapter of the Eastern Star, who have been using our lodge room in the past, to continue so doing.

Answer.—The answer hinges on the last two words of this section, "Masonic purposes." One of the benevolent purposes of the Masonic institution is to enlarge the sphere of social happiness, and its great object is to promote the happiness of the human race, and as the members of that society are all connected with the craft, either by blood or marriage, you may allow them the use of your lodge room until other arrangements are made.

An application was received by this lodge, and, before the committee could investigate and report, the applicant had left the jurisdiction and is now residing in Jersey City, U.S.A., and wishes to have the degrees conferred there. Will it be permissible for Ionic Lodge to ask a lodge in that city to confer the degree, retaining him as a member here?

Answer.—No. Your committee have not reported, which they cannot intelligently do without a personal interview, therefore, you cannot ballot on the application.

No. 2.—Have we permission to return the applicant's fees?

Answer.—Yes.

Is the fact of a brother being convicted in the courts for having kept a disorderly and gaming house sufficient ground for recommending him for expulsion for unmasonic conduct?

Answer.—A brother convicted for having violated the laws of the country may be considered as having committed a Masonic offence, but he cannot be punished Masonically until after due trial and proper notice.

Can an application be received from a person who has lost his right leg between the knee and the ankle, but wears a cork leg and can use it perfectly?

Answer.—No.

Can we receive and ballot upon the application for initiation of a C. P. R. trainman, running between Kamloops and Vancouver, said applicant having a room in each place. Owing to train arrangements the applicant spends a little more time in Vancouver than Kamloops?

Answer.—You can, providing the Vancouver lodges grant a waiver of jurisdiction.

The above are in accord with the Illinois law, except the last. Our rule is that the Masonic residence of an applicant means a permanent

settled domicile, or fixed abode, from choice, and is usually identical with his legal residence; and a man who has no fixed abode or legal residence cannot petition a lodge for the degrees. His view of the following matter is very sensible:

I caused a circular letter to be issued to all the lodges, requesting that more explicit information be given the members as to the applicants for different degrees. It would appear in many cases from the form of notices that the main object is lost sight of, viz.: Conveying as much information as possible to the members of the lodge to which they are justly entitled, and not by elaborate headings enumerating grand lodge officers and past masters, which may appeal to their vanity, but does not contain the desired information.

The address of the deputy grand master and the reports of the district deputy grand masters were read and occupy considerable space in the proceedings.

Grand Secretary BRETT reports forty-eight lodges on the roll, with a membership of 3,757, the net increase being 401. The funds and property of the lodges amount to $120,000. The committee on foreign correspondence made a special report which said, in part:

We have received from the V.W. grand secretary letters from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the Gran Logia "Cosmos," of Chihuahua, severally requesting recognition by this grand lodge.

So far as the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is concerned there need be no hesitation. The lodges in the Province of Saskatchewan are all regular lodges, and a considerable majority of them, if not all, joined in the formation of the new grand lodge.

We therefore have much pleasure in recommending this grand lodge to recognize the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan as a regular grand lodge.

As regards the Gran Logia "Cosmos," the information we have is meagre. Their letter simply states that the grand lodge is composed of fourteen lodges; that they have been working fifteen years, and that they have been working regularly ten years. A request for further information as to the origin of the lodges which formed the grand lodge, etc., brought to hand a pamphlet which, it was intimated, would give all the necessary information. Unfortunately this pamphlet, which is dated a month earlier than the letter, is equally barren of information. It does disclose the fact, however, that the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" is in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France and with various supreme councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

We recommend that in this instance recognition be not granted.

The report was adopted, demonstrating the wisdom of the grand lodge.

A letter of regret at his inability to be present was read from M.W. Bro. JOHN CORSON SMITH, of Illinois.

Grand Chaplain CLINTON delivered an eloquent address, in the course of which he said:

I look for the time when the Masonic fraternity will take up the matter of establishing institutions for the aged, the needy, the care of little children, and other similar objects that come within the circle of Masonic charity, but I want especially to inculcate more of that spirit of charity that should rule our hearts and lives.

And that spirit of charity extends to our dealings with those that are living lives unworthy of our order. It is one of our obligations under the five points of fellowship to remind a brother of his failings and to try to accomplish his reformation; and this we are to do in the most tender manner; that is, we are to do it in the spirit of charity. There are few things in which we can the better show that we have grasped the true meaning of charity than the manner in which we deal with those who have erred from the straight path. This is the very charity of God Himself, who will have all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, who desires not the death of a sinner, but his amendment. I desire to remind you very earnestly of this part of our obligation to set forth true charity. And how beautiful the words of the apostle are in this connection: "Charity beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." We believe that no brother is lost to all sense of righteousness, that there is something within that we can still appeal to. He may be an erring brother indeed, but a brother still. And so in faith in the underlying desire and love of good we exercise that charity that seeks his reformation, and it may be we become the means of saving a sinner from the error of his ways. We are filled with hope, too, for charity hopeth all things, and though there may not be much room for hope, yet the true charity knows no despair for anyone as long as life lasts. And charity endureth all things, many a failure, many a set-back, many a disappointment, in the work of saving the erring, but through it all true charity never faileth.

WILLIAM K. HOUSTON, of Victoria, was elected grand master; R. E. BRETT, of Victoria, re-elected grand secretary.

The report on correspondence (182 pp.) is the twelfth by Bro. W. A. DEWOLF SMITH, and includes a review of seventy-one grand lodges, nine being for two years. He devotes four pages to Illinois, and mentions among other incidents of the annual session of 1907 the introduction of M.W. Bro. A. D. GASH, P.G.M. of Utah, who, much to our personal satisfaction, is now a resident of Chicago. He says in regard to the correspondence report:

The report on foreign correspondence is another masterly paper from the pen of our learned Bro. Joseph Robbins. His report is prefaced by a special report in which he defines those bodies which may and may not be recognized as Masonic and regular. The list is far too long to give here, but it very properly includes in the latter class all grand lodges and grand orients which derive their existence from Scottish Rite authority, as well as

"All supreme councils, sovereign sanctuaries, or other powers, however named, wherever situated, of whatever rite—excepting regular grand

lodges of Free and Accepted Masons—assuming to erect lodges with authority to confer the three degrees of Symbolic or Craft Masonry."

He also mentions with approval Brother ROBBINS' report recommending refusal of recognition to "a body calling itself the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico," which recommendation was so wisely adopted by our grand lodge. He does not agree, however, with our lamented brother's views regarding the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and says:

We regret that in this matter Brother Robbins has allowed his sympathy to run away with his judgment. If he thinks again he will surely agree that the mere fact that all the lodges in a given territory have been invited to join in the organization of a new grand lodge does not justify a small minority of these lodges in proceeding to organize a grand lodge without the concurrence of the majority. That Brother Robbins does not really believe that a minority of the lodges in a territory can legally form a grand lodge is evident from his reply to the question of Brother Matthews, of Kansas, "What would be a square deal basis for recognition?"

"We would answer that such a basis would be the majority decision to form a grand lodge, reached by a convention to which all the lodges in a politically autonomous, Masonically open territory had been bidden, such majority to comprise not less than three lodges, the genealogy of the lodges to be such that we can fellowship them without violating the agreements we entered into when we were installed masters of lodges, and which we have exacted from every master-elect as an indispensable prerequisite to installation, etc."

Brother ROBBINS' contention was that if all the lodges in the state had been invited to be represented in the convention called to consider the question of organizing a grand lodge, and had been permitted to decide whether they would attend, that a majority of the lodges so represented (not less than three in number) had a perfect right to organize a grand lodge. The fact that the Grand Lodge of England objects so strenuously to recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland really cuts no figure in the matter, because if our good old mother country had had her way about it there would have been no United States of America, and instead of the galaxy of sovereign and independent grand lodges now existing in this country there would be a lot of district grand lodges controlled by the Grand Lodge of England. Conservatism is a good thing, but it easily can be carried to excess.

We cannot do better than quote the language used some years since by Brother ROBBINS, in the discussion of this question:

There is a Masonic law growing out of the world's usage, analogous to the international law which has grown out of the consensus of the nations of the world. The Masonic law applicable to such matters may or may not be reflected in the enactments of any grand lodge, and it is immaterial whether it is or not so far as the rights of those engaged in forming a new grand lodge in independent open territory is concerned,

for no grand lodge can give to its enactments extra-jurisdictional force. As no nation can defy the conceded principles of international law and make that defiance effective beyond the range of its guns, so no grand lodge can defy the principles of Masonic law into which the world's Masonic usage has ripened, and make that defiance effective beyond the jurisdictional lines, which, defining either territory or subject matter, that law concedes to be the rightful possession of such body.

The law of the Masonry that is over and above all grand lodges long since established the principle that, proceeding by certain recognized regular methods, the lodges in independent open territory, sufficient in number to form a grand lodge, become seized of absolute jurisdiction over the whole subject matter relating to the establishment of a grand lodge therein.

This law is the same for all latitudes and longitudes, the same in Queensland under the Southern Cross as in Alberta under the glare of the aurora borealis, where on the same lines a new grand lodge has just been formed. Its applicabilty and force has been illustrated in the formation of every grand lodge in the United States; in every province of the Dominion of Canada, throughout Australasia and in the British Islands themselves, whence now comes the attempt to discredit the Grand Lodge of Queensland; and as it is soon to be illustrated in Alaska and Hawaii, and doubtless with the same absence of friction that characterized the formation of the new Grand Lodge of Alberta.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1909.

38TH ANNUAL. VANCOUVER. JUNE 17.

This volume is adorned with full-page portraits of ALEXANDER ROLAND MILNE, grand master in 1887-8; JOHN STILWELL CLUTE, grand master in 1889; WILLIAM KYLE HOUSTON, grand master in 1908. It contains the proceedings of three special communications. One was held at New Westminster, July 13, 1908, for the purpose of attending the funeral of ROBERT BRENTON KELLY, past senior grand warden. The second was held at Nelson, September 7, 1908, for the laying of a corner-stone, and the third was held at Fernie, May 10, 1909, for the dedication of a Masonic hall.

At the annual seven past grand masters were present and also the representatives of twenty-seven grand lodges, the envoy for Illinois not among the number.

The grand master, WILLIAM K. HOUSTON, read his annual address, in which, after a well-written exordium, he mentions the distinguished brethren of his and other jurisdictions who have recently passed over

"the Great Divide." Among them were R. B. KELLY, past senior grand warden, and C. C. FISHER, district deputy grand master of British Columbia, and LOYAL L. MUNN, past grand secretary of Illinois, and grand representative of British Columbia.

During the year he granted seven dispensations for new lodges and a large number of special dispensations for various purposes, eight of them being to attend divine service in regalia and one "to wear regalia at a ball." He refused several requests for dispensations to confer degrees in less time than required by the constitution, and to receive applications from petitioners who had not the necessary residential qualifications.

He rendered the following decisions, all of which seem to us to be sound:

Can a lodge receive an application from a person who has lost index finger of right hand at the second joint?

Answer.—No.

Can a lodge receive an application from a person who has lost the index finger of the right hand?

Answer.—No.

Can a lodge receive an application from a person who has lost the third finger of the left hand at the second joint?

Answer.—Yes.

Can a lodge grant a dimit to a brother who has signed an application for a dispensation to a new lodge?

Answer.—Yes.

Can a lodge receive an application from a person who has only the first finger and thumb on right hand?

Answer.—No.

He gave in detail an account of his official visits to his constituent lodges, and speaks with pleasure of a visit to the Grand Lodge of Washington, December 7 and 8, 1908, at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization.

He stated that the reason the grand lodge was held at Vancouver instead of at Cranbrook, as was decided at the session of 1908, was because he had learned that it was the wish of a large number of the brethren to visit the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, and holding the meeting on the Pacific coast would enable them to attend both the grand lodge and the fair without inconvenience. Before making the change, however, he consulted all the lodges in the jurisdiction to ascertain whether there would be any objection, and as they were practically unanimous (including the lodge at Cranbrook) in favor of

Vancouver, he instructed the grand secretary to convene the meeting at the latter place.

The grand treasurer, HARRY H. WATSON, reported a balance of $20,633 in the charity fund. Among the sums expended during the year was $500 contributed to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society and a similar amount sent to the brethren at Fernie, at the time of a disastrous fire. In regard to the latter sum the committee on finance said:

Referring to the grant of $500 to Elk River Lodge No. 35, Fernie, we understand that this money was advanced for the relief of distressed brethren of that lodge, but on reading the report of the district deputy G.M. of District No. 8 we find that the amount was used "in purchasing new lodge furniture and regalia," and taking into consideration that this lodge's returns show a cash balance in hand of $755.45, and "disbursements of relief" are nil, we are of the opinion that Elk River Lodge No. 35 should be called upon to return this amount to this M.W. grand lodge. And speaking generally of the charity fund, we would strongly recommend that no disposition of the fund be made except strictly in accordance with the constitution.

The grand secretary, R. E. BRETT, reported forty-seven chartered lodges, eight under dispensation, a net increase in membership of 402, and a total membership of 4,158.

An address was delivered by the grand chaplain, Rev. H. G. FIENNES-CLINTON, on the subject of "Prayer." He said, in part:

Every Mason at his entrance into the lodge room was caused to kneel and attend prayer. In the ceremonies of raising he is exhorted to pray for himself. There is also the prayer offered by the chaplain at the beginning and end of every meeting of lodges, and that prayer that is offered at the raising of every candidate to the sublime degree. Thus are Masons from the beginning to the end men of prayer. It has often occurred to me to raise the question as to how far these prayers are really looked upon by Masons as the outpouring of the heart and mind to God, or how far they are regarded as mere forms, or part of a drama. I want to impress upon my brother Masons that they should make these and all prayers more real.

The manner in which lodge prayers are sometimes delivered reminds us of the remark old Mr. BROCK (a Southern Illinois character) made to the minister. The latter was expostulating with the old man regarding his habit of using profane language, and said:

"Why don't you act like your brother John? He prays instead of swearing."

"Yes," was the reply, "I swear a good deal, and John prays a good deal, but neither one of us means anything by it."

The grand librarian, W. A. DEWOLF SMITH, reported that 120 bound volumes had been added to the library. Among those mentioned were "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1908," "Poems," by

FAY HEMPSTEAD, "The Masonic Voice-Review for 1908," and "History of the Laureation of R.W. Bro. HEMPSTEAD."

The attention of the grand lodge was drawn to the continued illness of one of its valued members, M.W. Bro. General JOHN CORSON SMITH, of Chicago, Illinois, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the grand secretary be instructed to send a telegram to the M.W. brother, conveying sympathy, and expressing the hope that news of his recovery might soon be received.

HARRY N. RICH, of Ladner's, was elected grand master; R. E. BRETT, of Victoria, was re-elected grand secretary; and it was decided to hold the next session at Cranbrook, June 23, 1910.

The report on correspondence (193 pp.) is again by W. A. DEWOLF SMITH. Six pages are devoted to an excellent review of Illinois for 1908. In regard to the conundrums propounded to the grand master he said:

The grand master was asked the usual large number of questions, and the usual proportion of them were questions which ought not to have been asked. Many of them displayed a lack of acquaintance with the constitution and many showed a want of common sense. Among them were such questions as to whether a lodge could vote its funds to repair or build a church; to promote a railway, or to bonus a shoe factory.

In reference to one of our distinguished visitors he said:

R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, grand secretary of Arkansas, who on the previous evening had been crowned as Masonic poet-laureate, was given a hearty welcome, to which he responded in a few felicitous remarks.

He correctly terms Bro. ELMER E. BEACH'S address "an eloquent oration," and quotes a number of sentences from it. He evidently believes Brother BEACH too optimistic, judging from his comment on the statement that, "to make world-peace an accomplished fact there is needed only a general compulsory arbitration treaty":

Quite so. The mice once agreed that all that was necessary to make them secure was a bell on the neck of the cat. The trouble was to get it there.

He refers to a case of discipline mentioned in the report of the committee on appeals and grievances, and says that it "can hardly refer to the case alluded to in Grand Master BELL'S address, as a lodge, would not, we imagine, be allowed to try its master." It was the case mentioned by M.W. Brother BELL, but the lodge did not try its master, because that officer having been deposed by the grand master was no longer in official position and was subject to trial by his lodge the same as any other member.

He speaks of Brother ROBBINS' report on foreign correspondence as "a book in itself," and quotes approvingly from it in regard to a number of matters. He does not agree with him, however, in regard to the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Brother ROBBINS having said that he felt sure "the bulldozing acts of the English intermediary authority" found no warrant in the regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, Brother SMITH quotes the following rule from the English "Book of Constitutions":

218A. In a colony or foreign part in which a district grand lodge exists, if the district grand master shall think proper to grant a dispensation for that purpose, it shall be lawful for any lodge to hold a special meeting, or meetings, to discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a sovereign grand lodge for or including the district or part thereof, or any neighboring district or part thereof, or any lodges not in a district. Such dispensation may be granted subject to any conditions that the district grand master may deem proper, and also to provisions enabling two or more lodges to unite in the special meeting; and, if the district grand master should refuse to grant a dispensation, an appeal may be made to the grand master. In a colony or foreign part in which more than one district grand lodge exists the same procedure shall be adopted in each district, and before any grand lodge shall be recognized as having any jurisdiction over the whole of such colony or foreign part the consent of each district grand lodge shall be certified by the district grand master thereof.

Brother ROBBINS evidently gave more credit to the Grand Lodge of England for fair dealing than it deserves, as the above rule places the power of preventing the holding of lawful meetings to consider the formation of a sovereign grand lodge in the hands of the district grand master and the grand master. If these officers wish to commit "bulldozing acts," as has been done in the case of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, what recourse have the brethren who are aggrieved? Absolutely none, except to rebel and form a grand lodge regardless of the desires of the Grand Lodge of England or its officers.

At the close of his report he says:

N.B.—As this is sent to press we regret to learn that our distinguished brother is seriously ill. We hope soon to hear of his complete recovery.

We all hoped, as did our brother, for Brother ROBBINS' recovery, but alas! our hopes were turned to ashes.

CALIFORNIA, 1908.

59TH ANNUAL. SAN FRANCISCO. OCTOBER 13.

The bluff and hearty visage of Grand Master GEORGE MAIRS PERINE illustrates the opening page of this report. There were present the representatives of two hundred and eighty-three out of 315 chartered lodges and delegates from eleven lodges under dispensation. Seven past grand masters graced the platform and the presence of a past deputy grand master, a past junior grand warden and a past grand lecturer was also noted. As California does not indulge in the representative system there is no reference to diplomats. In the first of the twenty solid pages of the grand master's address he says:

In holding the honored office of grand master, I have been impressed with the Masonic growth. Its obligations have been everywhere exacted, and obedience to the moral law has been rigidly enforced. Much as we have accomplished, much yet is to be done. Let all our aims be our God, our country and truth. God's love is compatible with universal wisdom; our country's right is more beautiful than affection, and truth will brighten the sunshine. There is joy to all men living a Masonic life. The world is upheld by the veracity of good men; they make the earth wholesome. Right ethics are central, and go from the soul outward. Life's victory is to gain control of the selfish nature, that it may be subordinate to a sense of duty, to cultivate and develop the moral faculties so that they may assert their superiority and thereby establish in the individual true manhood, morality being an emanation from God.

Every institution, society or order is beneficial in its ultimate results just in proportion as it enlists, encourages and assists the individual to fight this battle and gain this victory. Spasmodic fevers of charity will never gain the battle of life. Character is to be found in the permanent disposition of the mind, in the governing purpose of the life. This purpose is the result of a deliberate, unreserved commitment of the spirit to the ends of worthiness. To overcome this selfish power, it is absolutely necessary for the individual to commit himself fully, firmly, deliberately unreservedly to the ends of benevolence. What the man needs, what the interests of his moral nature demand in this conflict with these selfish tendencies, is some individual, some influence, some institution which will lead or induce him to rise up to worthiness. The smallest acquisition of such in any quarter is so much good to the commonwealth of men.

He refers in feeling and eloquent words to the passing of Bro. CHAUNCEY CARROL BUSH, for many years the Bible bearer of the grand lodge, and of Bro. JACOB VOORSANGER, a past grand orator. He reported that the Grand Lodge was opened in special communication to lay fifteen corner-stones, to constitute seven lodges and to dedicate three Masonic halls.

Thirteen dispensations to form new lodges were granted. To us of Illinois it is interesting to learn that in one of these cases the dispensation

was issued in spite of the fact that the nearest lodge refused consent, "the constitution providing that whenever the nearest or most convenient chartered lodge refuses to grant a recommendation the grand master may, if after full investigation he deems it to be for the best interests of Masonry, grant such dispensation without any such recommendation having been given." If the matter is thus disposed of, why not leave it entirely with the grand master in the first place? Several of the grand master's decisions grew out of relations with lodges in the Sandwich and Philippine Islands, where the Grand Lodge of California has constituted lodges. In the former some complications grew out of questions arising with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which also has constituents in Hawaii, but as neither grand lodge claimed exclusive jurisdiction of the territory the matter was amicably adjusted.

In the Philippines the problem arose as to the recognition of Spanish formed lodges and a long report was submitted but no definite conclusion reached regarding the conflicting claims of various bodies whose parentage was in Spain, but none of which could show a satisfactory title to legitimacy. The sentiment seemed to favor the formation of a grand lodge in the Philippines made up of lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of California, and to leave the settlement of the whole question to said body.

Interesting conditions developed in several cases where the master of a lodge had directed the junior warden to prefer charges, where the master was an interested party in the prosecution or where he was a necessary witness at the trial, because in either case the California law appears not only to prevent the master from presiding at the trial, but throws the trial into another lodge. We can see no sufficient reason why the senior warden or junior warden might not preside in such cases, or in the event of their prejudice or inability, why the grand master might not appoint a special deputy to preside. Why burden another lodge with the troubles or soiled linen of a quarrelsome lodge?

The grand master reported the resignation of Grand Secretary George Johnson on account of failing health and the appointment of Brother John Whicher for the unexpired term. We cannot give space to many other important matters referred to in the grand master's address, but will quote the following sentiments from the closing portion:

Our Masonic dream should be, stone by stone we rear a sacred fane, a temple, neither pagoda, mosque nor church; but loftier, simpler, always open-doored to every breath from heaven and truth and peace and love, and where justice will come and dwell therein.

In that way we sustain the honor, the glory and the reputation it has held for ages. Then the practical object of our institution would be accomplished, its members living lives of usefulness and virtue. What

more beautiful teaching does one require than what is set before our brother on his initiatory journey? He learns that the Masonic order was formed for the practice of brotherly love, relief and truth; its foundation faith, hope and charity, its supporting pillars temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice.

The directors of the Masonic Temple Association reported the purchase of site for their new building on the N. W. corner of Van Ness Ave. and Oak St., 120x109 feet, for the sum of $235,000. Of this amount $195,000 was furnished by the grand lodge, $25,000 by the grand chapter and $15,000 by the grand commandery.

Upon motion of Bro. James H. MacLafferty, referred to the finance committee and by them approved, the grand lodge voted to affiliate with the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

Bro. Motley H. Flint introduced a copy of an act of the legislature of New York in relation to the fraudulent use of the name of secret fraternities and urged that grand lodge ask the legislature of California to pass a similar act. This was referred to the jurisprudence committee, who subsequently reported recommending that it be referred to the incoming grand master for such action as he deems proper and it was so referred.

We confess to being so old-fashioned that our prejudices or sensibilities are a little jarred when it comes to acknowledging that we cannot take care of ourselves in matters purely Masonic without legislative aid.

The grand lodge wisely rescinded its former action by which the report of the committee on correspondence was limited to fifty pages.

The finance committee reported that the total assets of the grand lodge were $249,244.96 of which $232,535.86 was cash in banks and the balance was bonds, stock and property.

The reports of the various boards of relief form a very interesting part of the California proceedings. We extract the following summaries showing that our brethren of the coast "do unto others" with a liberal hand:

Receipts of the San Francisco board of relief $20,407.74, expenditures $13,062.08.

The Oakland board reported the receipt of $6,322.71 and disbursements $3,778.05.

The Los Angeles board received $13,015.04 and paid out $12,501.54.

The Philippine board at Manila reports receipts of $1,266.74 including $250.00 borrowed from Manila Lodge No. 342, all of which had been distributed.

The Sacramento board received $3,220.59 and disbursed $1,706.31 and the Stockton board had receipts amounting to $556.60.

In the summary of the receipts and expenditures of the San Francisco board it is disclosed that relief to the amount of $742.95 was extended to Masons from Illinois, and that only $417.45 of this was refunded.

The following from the report of the committee on finance was adopted:

We have received and carefully considered the reports of the boards of relief of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento, and the Philippines, and offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of $7,700.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the funds of this grand lodge, to be divided as follows, viz.:

$2,000 to the Board of Relief of San Francisco.
4,000 to the Board of Relief of Los Angeles.
1,000 to the Board of Relief of Oakland.
200 to the Board of Relief of Stockton.

From the representatives of the various boards of relief we have ascertained that there is no uniformity in the per cap'ta amount contributed to said boards from the lodges in the respective jurisdictions, the same varying all the way from five to eight cents per month. We, therefore, offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That from and after the date of this grand lodge communication no funds of this grand lodge shall be appropriated for boards of relief unless they first show satisfactory evidence that they have received the sum of eight cents a month per capita from the lodges constituting their respective compacts.

The committee on jurisprudence, M.W. Bro. Frank M. Angelotti, chairman, having had under consideration the communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee regarding printed rituals, as fully quoted in our review of Arizona, reported as follows and the report was adopted, viz.: "We are in entire accord with the belief of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as expressed in the foregoing address and recommend its approval by the grand lodge."

On recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence the following amendment to the constitution, relative to the trial of charges against a brother in a lodge under dispensation was adopted:

Such charges shall never be presented to the master of a lodge under dispensation, if there is a chartered lodge having concurrent jurisdiction over the same territory, except where the accused is a member of such lodge under dispensation; but where the accused is a member of such a lodge, or resides within its jurisdiction, and no chartered lodge has concurrent jurisdiction over the same territory, they may be so presented. When the lodge to the master of which such charges are presented is a lodge under dispensation, such master shall at once transmit

the same to the grand master, who shall thereupon, if it shall appear to him that the act or acts complained of therein constitute a Masonic offense, designate some chartered lodge to try the same, and transmit such charges to the master thereof, who shall thereupon proceed therewith in the same manner as if the charges had originally been presented to him.

The report of the committee on correspondence, ALONZO J. MONROE, chairman, contains 115 pages, four of which are given to Illinois for our session of 1907 and 1908, the two years of M.W. Bro. ALLEN'S administration. He quotes the grand master's decisions regarding the use of the stereopticon and "loose leaf" book for records, and makes nearly a full page extract from Bro. SCOTT'S oration, which he says, "one cannot read without being humbled yet lifted up in aspiration and the desire to live more worthily as a man."

OSCAR LAWLOR, grand master, Los Angeles; JOHN WHICHER, grand secretary, 901 Call Bldg, San Francisco.

CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, 1908.

53RD ANNUAL. NIAGARA FALLS. JULY 15.

This volume is embellished with a fine half-tone portrait of Grand Master AUGUSTUS T. FREED, and contains the proceedings of six special communications held during the year.

Eight past grand masters, upwards of a hundred other past grand officers, and thirty grand representatives of other grand lodges were present. R.W. Bro. A. SHAW appeared for Illinois. The members of the diplomatic corps were received and welcomed by the grand master, and were accorded the grand honors.

Before the opening of the grand lodge Hon. R. F. CARTER, mayor of the city of Niagara Falls, was introduced by the grand director of ceremonies and delivered an address of welcome, to which the grand master responded:

Mr. Mayor:—On behalf of the grand lodge, I thank you most heartily for your kind and hospitable greeting. It is gratifying to us to be welcomed by one who is not only the chief executive officer of the city of Niagara Falls, but who is also a brother and a ruler in our craft. Grand lodge is very fortunate in being able to meet in so beautiful a place as Niagara Falls, made wonderful by one of the marvels of nature, and made beautiful by the hand of man. We are also grateful to the Great Architect of the Universe because we have been favored by such fine

weather. Nor do we forget, Mr. Mayor, that we are meeting on historic ground. On this very spot the soldiers of our king and the citizen soldiers of Canada fought a most desperate and bloody battle to preserve the liberties of our country. We should never forget the debt of gratitude we owe to our forefathers for the sacrifices they made to preserve for us the blessings we now enjoy. Neither do we forget that at Niagara Falls that convention met which resolved to form the Grand Lodge of Canada. The preliminary steps were here taken which were carried to completion a few months later at Hamilton. On all accounts, therefore, we should rejoice that the grand lodge has the privilege of meeting this year in your beautiful city. For the excellent arrangements made by the local brethren, and citizens for our accommodation and entertainment, I beg to tender to you, Mr. Mayor, the warmest appreciation of the members of grand lodge.

Grand Master FREED delivered his address, and reported a number of rulings, or decisions. Among them were the following, which for convenience we have numbered:

1. Can a lodge, after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, lay a charge against him for a more serious offence; and, if found guilty on the vote of the lodge, expel him?

Answer.—The lodge may, after suspending him for non-payment of dues, try him on another charge. The lodge cannot expel him; but, if he be found guilty, it may suspend him indefinitely, report the facts to the grand lodge, and recommend his expulsion.

2. Is a lodge after suspending a member for non-payment of dues, bound to reinstate him in the event of him tendering his arrears and all other amounts owing the lodge, irrespective of his conduct in the meantime? Has the lodge no voice in the matter whatever?

Answer.—If a member suspended for non-payment of dues tenders the amount of arrears and all other amounts owing to the lodge, he must be restored. But charges may be preferred against him for any other offence of which he may have been guilty, either before his suspension or during his suspension, when he may be tried just as if he had never been suspended.

3. When an adverse report is made against a candidate, must the report be received by the lodge before the applicant is declared a rejected candidate? Yes.

4. A past master from another jurisdiction affiliated with a lodge in this jurisdiction, and was elected master, he not having served as warden in this jurisdiction. Is the election legal? No: the election is void, and the brother must not be installed.

5. Has a lodge the power to pass a motion disqualifying from holding office those who solicit votes or resort to electioneering methods? No: no Mason can be deprived of any of his Masonic rights or privileges except after charges have been regularly made and the brother has been duly convicted of a Masonic offense.

6. Is it proper to give a Masonic funeral to a deceased brother who at the time of his death was under suspension? No: suspended members are deprived of all their Masonic rights and privileges.

7. The secretary of a lodge sent out a notice of meeting in regular form and proper time, without the names of candidates to be balloted for. Three days before the meeting of the lodge he sent out a separate notice containing the candidates' names. Ruled that the ballot was void. A new ballot must be taken after regular and proper notice.

8. When a ballot was ordered to be taken (about 30 members being present) there were in the box fifty white balls and three black balls. Objection was taken. Ruled that there must be at least one white ball and one black ball for each member entitled to vote.

In regard to No. 1, in Illinois a lodge has the same power to expel as to suspend a member, subject, of course, to an appeal to the grand lodge. A suspended member is liable to expulsion, if he does anything deserving the extreme penalty. Referring to No. 2, with us a lodge cannot refuse to *act* upon an application for reinstatement for suspension for non-payment of dues, but in case a lodge declines to reinstate to good standing the amount of the delinquent dues paid by the petitioner must promptly be returned to him. No. 3 would indicate that in case an adverse report is made by an investigating committee, that he is rejected by virtue of the report. With us, a ballot is always taken on a candidate after the reception of the report, which is merely for the information of the brethren in order that they may vote intelligently upon the petition. In regard to No. 4, it seems to us that if a brother has served as warden or master of a lodge within the jurisdiction of a recognized grand lodge, that he should be eligible to election as master of the lodge with which he has affiliated. We agree with No. 5 that a constituent lodge cannot disfranchise its members for the offense of electioneering for office, but there is nothing to prevent a grand lodge passing a law "disqualifying from holding office those who solicit votes or resort to electioneering methods." Illinois has the following law, which, if it were strictly enforced, would do away with political methods in our grand lodge:

Electioneering in any way for one's self for office in the grand lodge is prohibited as unmasonic, and any member found guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office; and, if already in office, shall forfeit the office held by him.

No. 6 is, or should be, good law in any grand jurisdiction. In reference to No. 7, we are of the opinion that it is not safe to give the names of candidates in written or printed notices of meetings, because outsiders would be so likely to see them. In regard to No. 8 the grand master said:

Several cases have been reported to me of irregularities in balloting for candidates. It appears that in some lodges, while sufficient white balls are provided for all members present, there are but two or three black balls. This makes it easy for an interested and unscrupulous deacon to abstract one or more of the black balls and thus to insure a fa-

vorable result. It may also destroy the secrecy of the ballot. I have ruled that there should be at least as many white balls and as many black balls in the box as there are members present. I am of opinion that this should be made a constitutional provision. It is to be desired that brethren exercise more frequently their privilege of examining the ballot after it has been placed upon the altar. If that were done fewer mistakes would be made in declaring the result of the ballot.

We agree with the decision as to the number of balls, but we never before heard of a jurisdiction in which any but the master and wardens were permitted to examine the ballot. It is certainly a poor kind of lodge in which the stationed officers cannot be trusted to tell the truth in regard to the ballot. In this connection we are reminded of a little anecdote. When Past Grand Master JOHN CORSON SMITH was lieutenant governor of Illinois, one of the colored janitors of the state house at Springfield came into his office one morning and related the following incident, which he said occurred the previous evening in the negro lodge of which he was a member:

The ballot box had been passed and the worshipful master asked, "How is the ballot in the south, Brother Junior Warden?" "Clar in the south, worshipful." "How is the ballot in the west, Brother Senior Warden?" "Clar in the west, worshipful." The W.M. then inspected the box and said, "And clar in the east. I therefore declar Mr. Josephus Johnson duly elected to take the degrees in this lodge." Up jumped a big coon, as black as the ace of spades, and cried, "That's a 'fernal lie, worshipful master. I put in four black balls myself."

In his notices of the fraternal dead he says of their late grand secretary:

Most Worshipful Bro. Hugh Murray died from apoplexy on the 28th of November, 1907. He was stricken down while in his office, was conveyed to his home, and passed away two days later. After filling many offices in all branches of Masonry he was elected to the office of grand master in 1884, and served for two years. For four years he had been grand secretary. Brother Murray was a man of whom it may be said that duty was the guiding star of his life. That which he thought he ought to do he did with his might. That which he thought he ought not to do he could not be persuaded nor forced to do. His life was a service of activity and love. His record is a record of work well done. His reward is the loving memory of all who knew him. May we not be confident that it is the benediction of his Father who is in Heaven?

He stated that after the death of Bro. HUGH MURRAY he appointed Bro. R. L. GUNN to serve as grand secretary until the meeting of the grand lodge.

He reported having granted eight dispensations for new lodges and continued two from the previous year. He constituted four lodges,

dedicated twelve lodge rooms and laid six corner-stones. In regard to Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293, of Jerusalem, he said:

Soon after the last communication of this grand lodge the warrant issued to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge No. 293, was returned to the grand secretary, and the affairs of that body may now be considered a closed chapter in our history.

The semi-centennial fund for benevolent purposes now amounts to $44,154. The intention is to increase it to $100,000. The grants made by the board of benevolence for the year amounted to about $29,000, and the grants made by lodges aggregated $15,000.

Upwards of 200 pages were devoted to the reports of the several D.D.G.M.'s.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized.

Greetings were exchanged by telegraph with the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Ontario, then in annual session, which is something of a novelty in the way of "fraternal greetings."

Augustus T. Freed, of Hamilton, was re-elected grand master; R. L. Gunn, of Hamilton, was elected grand secretary.

The report on correspondence (116 pp.) is by Henry Robertson, chairman of the committee. He devotes four pages to Illinois for 1907, in which he mentions the death of Grand Secretary Dill. He quotes the response of M.W. Bro. John M. Pearson, when introduced as a member of the grand lodge for fifty years, and gives Brother Robbins' report regarding an alleged Masonic body calling itself the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and his special report relating to the recognition of certain European grand lodges.

CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, 1909.

54th Annual. London. July 13.

This volume is illustrated with a half-tone portrait of A. T. Freed, grand master, 1907-8-9.

Grand Master Freed delivered his annual address, in course of which he mentioned the deaths of R.W. Bro. Thomas Creighton Macnabb, district deputy grand master, August 6, 1908, aged 81, and R.W. Bro. Christopher McLellan, past district deputy grand master, March 10, 1909.

Under the head of "Rulings," he said:

I have not been called upon during the year for many formal rulings. But I have received a great many letters asking for decisions, when the writers would have found answers by consulting the constitution. If masters of lodges would carefully read the fundamental law of our order they would not need to write so many letters, and they would save the grand master and the grand secretary a great deal of unnecessary work.

The formal rulings are as follows:

1. A lodge meeting was closed in the regular way. Then a belated candidate arrived. The master desired to reopen the lodge and initiate the candidate; but the district deputy grand master, who was present, ruled that he could not legally do so. Was this ruling correct? Yes.

2. Will the grand master clothe district deputy grand masters with power to authorize such reopenings? No.

3. A candidate was regularly proposed; his petition was received by the lodge, and referred to a committee for investigation. Then it was discovered that the applicant had not resided for one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge. What course should the worshipful master take? Answer—He should direct the petition to be withdrawn.

4. On a petition for initiation the ballot was taken; the ballot box was inspected and placed upon the altar; and, after a reasonable time, the worshipful master declared the result. Afterward the tyler objected to the validity of the ballot on the ground that he had not been given an opportunity to vote. Ruled, that the declaration by the master is final, and the ballot cannot be reopened. The tyler had a right to vote; but he did not claim that right, and his neglect cannot affect the result.

5. An applicant has partially lost his eyesight. He can find his way about the town, and can distinguish a coin when held close to his eyes, or a person's hand when held very near him. Ruled, that he is not eligible.

In regard to the first decision, we can see no reason why the master should not have called a special meeting of his lodge and initiated the candidate, if, in his opinion, the circumstances required speedy action, but, of course, he could not re-open a lodge meeting after it was regularly closed. In reference to No. 4, will say that in Illinois the tyler, if a member of the lodge, has a right to vote therein if he insists upon this privilege, but the master may at his request excuse him from the exercise of this right. The other rulings are sound, although a grand master who is not a strict constructionist might have ruled in favor of the applicant mentioned in No. 5.

The grand master stated that in February, 1909, he caused one thousand dollars to be sent to the Grand Lodge of Italy for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake in Sicily and Calabria, and read a grateful letter of thanks from the grand master of Italy acknowledging receipt of the same. He called attention to the fact that contributions to the semi-centennial benevolent fund had not been as liberal as he had expected, and said:

When we reflect that, during the year, the expenditures of grand lodge exceeded its receipts by nearly $4,000, and that the excess of expenditure was largely due to increase in the benevolent grants, it will be seen that many brethren who proclaim charity to be the chief of Masonic virtues, permit their deeds to fall very far behind their professions. There are no less than forty-five lodges in the jurisdiction whose members have not contributed a penny to this fund. And only sixty lodges are on the honor roll of those which have paid the full amount, or more than the full amount, their representatives in grand lodge in 1904 pledged them to pay.

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It is a sad fact that some lodges, which have contributed nothing to the fund, continue to send in appeals to grand lodge for assistance to their needy members. These appeals receive the same consideration as those from lodges which are contributors to the fund. These bodies, apparently, are willing to remain in the position of doing nothing for the benevolence of grand lodge, but of being a burden upon its charitable fund.

The last quoted paragraph indicates that some of our Canadian brethren have doubts as to the correctness of the ancient statement that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The grand master reported having removed from office a district deputy grand master for neglect of duty, and under the heading of "Use of Lodge Rooms," said:

In March of this year I learned that a lodge in the western part of the province had permitted a society of ladies called the Order of the Eastern Star, to meet in the lodge room. I instructed the district deputy grand master to admonish the worshipful master of the lodge that this could not be permitted. Section 231 of the constitution says: "It is improper to allow a lodge room to be used jointly with other societies, or for other than Masonic purposes. This, however, shall not be construed as excluding bodies that claim to be Masonic, and are founded on Craft Masonry." The order of the Eastern Star cannot be founded on Craft Masonry, as women are not admitted to our order. If, therefore, the body in question is Masonic, it practices spurious and clandestine Masonry; and it is a Masonic offence to have "Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular bodies." If it is not Masonic, the use of our lodge rooms is denied to it by section 231 of the constitution already quoted. The worshipful master of the lodge implicated pleaded that he believed the Eastern Star to be a body founded on Craft Masonry; but he acknowledged his error, and promised obedience to the constitution. Therefore I did not pursue the matter any further.

I have some reason to think that other lodges are violating section 231 of the constitution; and, at my desire, the grand secretary has made enquiry of district deputy grand masters if this law is strictly observed.

We are at a loss to understand how a lodge room can be too sacred for the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Masons to meet therein, when associated together as members of a sewing-circle, relief corps or any other respectable society, if the lodge is not in session.

During the year five lodges were constituted, five others instituted, five dispensations continued from the previous year, four lodge rooms dedicated, and five corner-stones laid.

M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson presented the grand lodge with a "full set of undress clothing for the use of all the officers," and the grand lodge paid the sum of $24.50 for having the "undress regalia" photographed. It is a good thing for the grand lodge treasury that no photographs were made of the "full-dress" regalia.

From the report on the condition of Masonry we quote the following:

One D.D.G.M. states, that in his district the Master Mason's apron is withheld from the Master Mason until he passes an examination in the third degree. This can only be done when the lodge presents an apron as a gift, because when the candidate receives the degree he is clothed with the proper badge, and no lodge can prevent him purchasing and wearing the insignia of his rank.

The above method of coercing the brethren into learning the catechism has the doubtful merit of being unique. The report contains this sensible remark in regard to insurance:

The board finds that the sound business principle of insuring against loss by fire very generally prevails. At the same time its attention has been called to the fact that a few lodges have been handicapped and their progress and usefulness retarded by losing their lodge rooms and effects by fire. Therefore, the board urges upon all lodges the wisdom of insuring their property against loss by fire.

The committee on revision of the ceremonies evidently believed that the grand lodge should not undertake to control lodges in trivial matters, when it said:

With regard to the letter from Doric Lodge, Brantford, asking the sanction by grand lodge of an emblem to be used by them on their stationery, medals, buttons, seals, etc., a copy of which is attached to their letter, your committee feel and recommend that grand lodge should not commit itself to the adoption by any lodge of an emblem, for if once recognized by grand lodge, they will be bothered in the future with matters in which they have no constitutional concern at present.

Grand Treasurer E. T. Malone reports receipts and balance of $51,484, and expenditures of $41,350. Of the latter amount, $24,362 was for "benevolent orders." Additional grants brought the benevolence of the grand lodge up to $27,485, and the "private lodges," as our Canadian brethren term them, expended for charity $17,000. Although but one application for assistance was rejected by the committee on benevolence, care was evidently taken to spend the money with discrimination as the benevolent grants were inspected at a cost of $750.

The report on correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson and consists of 140 pages of well-written reviews of sixty-three grand

lodges, of which he devotes two and a half pages to Illinois. He quotes from Grand Master Bell's address and Brother Robbins' report and commends both. In his Arkansas review he gives one of the best accounts we have seen of the coronation of Bro. Fay Hempstead as poet laureate of Freemasonry, at Chicago, October 5, 1908.

Daniel F. Macwatt, of Hamilton, elected grand master; R. L. Gunn, of Hamilton, re-elected grand secretary.

COLORADO, 1908.

48th Annual. Denver. September 21.

The Colorado volume carries portraits of Andrew Sagendorf, one of the pioneers who settled at what is now Denver in 1858, and was grand master in 1883, and John B. Haffy, the incoming grand master. There is also a cut of the first Masonic hall, a log structure, where the Masons met informally in 1858, and out of whose gathering grew the first lodge in Denver (then called Auraria), of which Brother Sagendorf was the first treasurer. He is still hale and hearty at the age of 80. Twenty-two past grand masters were present at the opening and twenty-three at the close, of whom the senior is Henry M. Teller, the ambassador from Illinois; forty-seven other grand representatives were present.

Among the special dispensations reported in the address of the grand master (Joseph A. Davis) were two authorizing elections and installations at other than the stated dates, the lodges at such dates being in the grip of the health authorities, who had prohibited all public meetings on account of contagious diseases. Seven decisions were reported, as follows:

1. A young man having completed the term of his enlistment in the U. S. naval service, returning to the home of his parents, may claim their home as his fixed abode, and may at once petition for the degrees of Masonry.

2. A stockholder and manager of a general merchandise and saloon business is ineligible to receive Masonic degrees.

3. A member of a lodge who has been granted a dimit, but did not receive a certificate of his dimission, is nevertheless a dimitted Mason, and must petiton in regular form for affiliation. A lodge can not pass a resolution restoring the brother to membership the same as if no dimit had been asked for or granted.

4. A petition for affiliation having been read in open lodge and a committee appointed to report thereon, must stand as any other petition,

and be balloted upon, and cannot be withdrawn at the will and pleasure of the petitioner.

5. A brother applying for a dimit cannot withdraw the application after the same is before the lodge for action.

6. A rejected candidate for Masonic degrees who resides within the jurisdiction of two or more lodges holding concurrent jurisdiction, may, at the expiration of six months, petition any lodge holding concurrent jurisdiction with the lodge that rejected him.

7. A worshipful master of a lodge has not the right to call a past master to preside over a lodge during a Masonic trial wherein the worshipful master is a witness. The senior warden must preside. In case of his absence, the junior warden must preside.

All these passed muster except No. 5, upon which the following dissenting opinion of the committee on jurisprudence was properly sustained:

In the opinion of your committee, such an application may be withdrawn at any time before the same has become final. We, therefore, recommend that this decision be not approved.

Unless their statute law stands in the way, we are strongly of the opinion that No. 4 should have shared the same fate. Our own law permits the withdrawal of a petition for affiliation upon written application therefor, and the concurrence of a majority of the members present at a stated meeting. The provision for the written application is manifestly proper, but we know of no Masonic reasons why the lodge should have any voice in the matter. The affiliation should at all stages be voluntary. We regard No. 1 as good law. No. 2 reflects only the unwarrantable class legislation of the jurisdiction. No. 3 should go without saying anywhere. No. 6 must be read in the light of the fact that in Colorado the personal jurisdiction obtained by the rejection of the candidate lasts but six months. No. 7 is but a restatement of the Masonic axiom that in the absence or disability of the master, the ranking warden present succeeds to *all* his powers and duties; but in the absence of an enacted regulation to the contrary we know of no reason why the generally conceded power of the master to call any qualified brother to the chair to conduct the business and work of the lodge should not be held to include the right to avail himself of the aid of a specially qualified member in the conduct of a trial, the master, of course, being present and responsible for such conduct, as in other matters.

Six pages of the grand master's address chronicle the work of the circumlocution office. Through the whole record runs the assumption by the grand masters at each end of the line that executive permission is necessary to enable a lodge to confer a degree at the request of a lodge in another grand jurisdiction upon a candidate of the latter.

Brother GREENLEAF, the able and accomplished Colorado Reviewer, who recognizes in this practice the destruction of the natural, and, until recently, unquestioned rights of the lodges, confesses that so far a diligent search has not disclosed a scrap of Colorado law to justify this groundless assumption of the grand masters, but as yet no effective protest has been made. Colorado saloon-keepers have never been reckoned as harmless as doves; neither are they wise as serpents. In passing through the streets of Alamosa on the eve of St. John's Day, the grand master found the saloons decorated for the morrow, and learned that the proprietor of one of the chief of them was a member of the local lodge, whereupon he ordered the master of the lodge to direct the junior warden to prefer charges against the offending irrigator, and practically told him that upon a failure of the lodge to convict of unmasonic conduct he must take an appeal. Thus the joint keeper's lure attracted more attention than he thought of in advance.

The grand master's recommendation that the length of residence required for a petitioner for the degrees be shortened for officers of the army and navy was not turned down cold, for, although the period was not shortened, the law, presupposing for them a permanent residence *somewhere*, was so changed as to permit, without the requisite one year's residence, the earlier reception of a petition for the purpose of asking for a waiver of jurisdiction. This, we think, brings their practice into practical accord with that generally prevailing elsewhere. His recommendations that the membership list of the lodges be no longer published, and that the law respecting objection to advancement be modified, were negatived.

The report of the committee on address has a common, but none the less grievous fault, that it blankets in approval all that portion of the address not specifically referred. As a rule the grand lodge does not have in mind the points in the residue of the address, and conspicuous examples have not been wanting where mischievous legislation, that would not have borne the light of discussion, has slipped through in this way.

The necrological report of Past Grand Master GREENLEAF is, as usual, clad in language of euphony and beauty. We make no apology for giving space to the following, which he quotes from some author to us unknown:

From these closed eyes, and these white lips
Where loving smiles no longer play,
What to the ear that silence hears,
Does Death to us, the living, say?

"Sweet friends, the words of love you wish
You'd said to me while I could hear;

Take heed, in days to come, you speak
To living ones who still are near.

"No more for me can you do aught,
Save make the flowers bloom where I sleep;
But hearts of living ones still ache,
And eyes of living ones still weep.

"Pour out on them the love and care
You wish you could on me bestow;
Then, when some other falls asleep,
O'er vain regrets no tears shall flow."

Death, then, would teach us how to live,—
How we shall die need give no care,—
Live as we'll wish we had: and then
Death's face becomes divinely fair.

All Illinois Masons especially will be glad to learn from the following report that the faith, courage and enterprise of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, in preserving to the craft the posthumous work of our Past Grand Master BROMWELL has been fully justified:

The H. P. H. Bromwell Publishing Company report that, in accordance with their report of last year, they have refunded to the grand lodge, through the grand secretary, one hundred dollars, being the balance in full of the money loaned for the publication of the work of Brother Past Grand Master H. P. H. Bromwell, and that already something has been realized for his daughter.

Thanking the grand lodge for the use of these funds by which a lasting memorial has been erected to a most worthy craftsman, and a deed of love done which will redound to the honor of this grand lodge for such generous action.

The grand lodge chartered three new lodges; listened to an eloquent philosophical address from MELVIN EDWARDS, the grand orator; refused to relieve lodges having one hundred or more members from the operation of the law prohibiting fees for affiliation; declared it unmasonic for any brother to act as an attorney for the prosecution or defense in a Masonic case for pay; made it a condition for delivering a dispensation for a new lodge that the proposed secretary shall pass a satisfactory examination in the duties of his office, before the grand secretary; raised the compensation of the grand lecturer from three dollars to five dollars per day; and properly sustained the action of a master of a lodge in refusing to entertain charges of dishonesty in a land deal on the part of the accused, while the same question was involved in an action pending between the same parties in the civil courts of Colorado.

The report on correspondence (179 pp.) is the twenty-fourth in consecutive order from the facile and instructive pen of Past Grand Master LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.

Following his usual plan, he largely leaves the discussion of important questions before the fraternity to the "Conclusion" of his report, among these the circumlocution office comes in for his sensible animadversions:

In the matter of conducting the correspondence of lodges in different jurisdictions through their respective grand masters, there is a wide diversity of opinion. We have not hesitated to oppose the practice as an invasion of the inherent rights of the lodges, and to declare that where it has been engrafted upon Craft Masonry, it has been copied from a similar enactment in a semi-military concordant grand body. The practice has crept into this jurisdiction of late years, but we have failed to find any law justifying the same, and in the absence of any such enactment, our lodges are at liberty to conduct their own affairs as they see proper, within constitutional limits. Our views on this question have been endorsed by some of the ablest writers, and should the matter come before our grand lodge for formal determination, we are certain there will be no unanimity of opinion.

Of alleged Masonic governing bodies of clandestine origin, he says:

Many grand orients of Scottish Rite origin are requesting recognition from grand lodges of the York Rite, but with indifferent success. In our opinion, as heretofore expressed, there must be some common ground of agreement before such recognition can be generally extended. Whether complete severance of allegiance to supreme councils will be regarded as sufficient to justify recognition, remains to be determined.

And wisely he says of the "Past Rank" fad:

In England and her colonies, past rank is still conferred and regarded as a high distinction. In our opinion it is unmeaning and valueless. Active service in an office should alone confer past rank and distinction. In other words, honors should be earned. To make a brother a past grand master, past grand warden or past grand deacon for service rendered the craft in some other capacity, is to rob the office of its distinguishing significance.

The proceedings of our grand lodge for 1907 furnish material for six and one-half pages of text and comment, reflecting a very thorough examination of the volume. He summarizes the address of Grand Master Allen and the business of the session; reproduces the lists of recognized, unrecognized and recognizable grand lodges as given in our special report, and quotes from the body of the report on the effect upon the sovereignty of the German grand lodges, of their confederation in the German grand lodge alliance or union. Among other matters in our general report, referred to by him, is the circumlocution office, or the passing of the correspondence of lodges in different jurisdictions through their respective grand masters, on which subject he says:

We fail to find any law upon the subject in our Colorado code. Several successive grand masters have announced it as a rule of this jurisdiction, but we have been unable to locate it. We have hereto-

fore announced our opposition to it as an invasion of the inherent rights of the lodges and if it has acquired the semblance of a law through statement and re-statement, we shall advocate its repeal.

Of our reference to the assumed suspension of officers of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland by a district grand master, as a veritable bull, he finds himself upon further consideration of the subject, inclining to the same opinion, but as Colorado has recognized Queensland he is contented to regard all these matters as "ancient history."

In concluding his notice of our report, he says:

He takes occasion to administer another rap for our recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and for our indulgence in the hope that some way may be found to recognize grand lodges which have thrown off their allegiance to Supreme Councils. As a rule, however, Brother Robbins and ourselves agree on most subjects.

His closing remark is the more gratifying to us because it seems to be increasingly true every year, thus indicating that the labors of neither have been wholly in vain.

JOHN B. HAFFY, of Del Norte, was elected grand master; CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Denver, was re-elected grand secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1909.

121ST ANNUAL. NEW HAVEN. JANUARY 20.

A half-tone of Grand Master EDWARD E. FULLER adorns the fly-leaf and is a good picture of a very attractive face.

Ten past grand masters and the representatives of thirty-eight grand jurisdictions were present, the latter including Past Grand Master GEORGE E. PARSONS, the appointee from Illinois. The volume is illustrated by a full page group photograph of thirteen of the principal officers of the grand lodge, showing that Connecticut Masons are not superstitious.

There are also likenesses of P.G.M.'s JOHN H. BARLOW and DWIGHT WAUGH, deceased, to each of whom a memorial page is dedicated.

The name of LOYAL L. MUNN, past grand secretary of Illinois, is given a prominent place in the obituary roll. A report is made of five emergent communications of the grand lodge, two of them being for the funerals of the two past grand masters above mentioned; one to dedicate a Masonic hall, one to place a corner-stone and the fifth to lay the "final stone" of a bridge at Hartford. The latter was pre-eminently the Masonic occasion of the year in Connecticut, extended notice of what was a really

notable event being given in the reports of the grand master, the deputy grand master and the grand secretary.

Fortunately for those who are interested in public observances, the grand master's report contains the full ceremonial used on the occasion. The placing of a "final stone" is to us a new occasion for a Masonic ceremony, and the ritual is new to our experience, though made up largely from the forms commonly used in the laying of corner-stones and the dedication of halls, the emblems being made to do double duty. We commend this addition to our ritualistic forms to such of our brethren as are interested in finding and utilizing new places for the public display of Masonry and its ceremonies. Personally we do not sympathize with an idea which has the advertising of the institution for its principal if not its only excuse for being.

The grand master reported the granting of a number of dispensations to waive jurisdiction or to confer degrees upon candidates residing in a state other than that in which the lodge is located. We have so far been unable to discover any ancient usage or well-founded modern law for the justification of this superfluous circumlocution office, or that makes the intervention of a grand master necessary in matters concerning which the lodges interested should be the sole judges, provided only, that their proceedings are regular and with due regard to the rights of members.

Among the decisions reported by the grand master are the following:

Question: When a candidate having been regularly voted for, has been declared duly elected, can a demand for a new ballot be made within a few minutes thereafter, by a brother who was present at the ballot, and voted favorably? Answer: Yes. A brother can call for a new ballot at any time previous to the administering of the obligation in the Master Mason's degree. The matter of its being only a few minutes after the ballot is declared, makes no difference.

Question: What standing in a lodge has a brother who having presented his dimit, has been duly elected, but has allowed several months to elapse, without attending the lodge or signing the by-laws? We have now found that we do not want this brother in our lodge. Answer: Although the brother has been duly *elected* to membership in your lodge, he is *not* a member until he has signed your by-laws, and at any time previous to his signing them, you can at the request of any brother of your lodge, or of your own volition as master of your lodge, call for a new ballot.

These were both sustained by the grand lodge, although the committee on jurisprudence, to whom they were referred, reported that:

Your committee endorses all of the grand master's decisions with one exception. We hold that the signing of the by-laws of a lodge is a mere matter of technicality and custom, that the act of acquiring membership by a non-affiliate is complete by the consent of the lodge expressed by a unanimous ballot which cannot otherwise be revoked, and by the deposit of a regular dimit by the brother.

The action of the grand lodge on this point was:

That the signing of the roll of membership should be, is, shall be and shall continue to be, a requisite to membership in the lodge, either by affiliation or by receiving the degrees within that lodge.

The first of these decisions shows that in Connecticut the staying of initiation may be accomplished through the demand for and the granting of a new ballot. In Illinois practically the same end is reached by objection lodged with the master.

Reference is made to the efforts of charlatans to establish clandestine lodges and to fatten their purses at the expense of dupes who are willing to purchase spurious Masonry at bargain counter rates. Upon this subject the following resolution was passed:

That a committee of five be appointed who shall serve during the coming year and whose duty it shall be to take such action in the legislature or before a committee thereof, or otherwise, as in their judgment may seem best to obtain the passage of such laws as will be for the protection of the order and prevent unscrupulous persons imposing upon the societies of the state of Connecticut in the name of Freemasonry.

We shall await with interest the report of this committee.

The following resolution, which seems to us to have much to recommend it, was passed after discussion:

Resolved, That every lodge within this grand jurisdiction accepting a member by affiliation, be required to notify the lodge granting the dimit that the candidate named therein has been accepted, in order that the same be noted in the minutes of the lodge receiving said notice, provided the lodge receiving same be within this grand jurisdiction.

In the concluding remarks of an able and business-like address the grand master says:

Let us not fail to remember that this magnificent structure of Ancient Craft Masonry, the admiration of the wise, the fear of the prejudiced, and the loved and venerated institution through the ages of those who have been inscribed on its roll of membership, has come to us as an inheritance from the dim and misty past, and has been transmitted to us, pure and unimpaired, by the countless host of Masonic brethren, who have with great patience and perseverance, amid manifold privations and sacrifices, and at times great persecution and obloquy, trod the checkered pavement, and performed their many and various labors of love and charity.

Let us not forget our debt to those who have preceded us, but show our appreciation of their priceless gift to us, by transmitting it, pure and unimpaired, to those who shall come after us, and not through selfishness and neglect doom it to decay and oblivion, to be dumped, a worn out and useless thing, on the ever-growing ash-heap of the centuries.

The report on correspondence (164 pp.) by Frank W. Havens, past grand master, opens with the following beautiful tribute:

In loving memory of M.W. John Henry Barlow, who for fourteen years reviewed the proceedings and wrote with unfeigned wisdom these

pages of fraternal correspondence. He fell asleep June 16, 1908, full of years and crowned with honors.

And closes with these words, which come to us with especial significance:

Some half dozen of the foregoing were left by Brother Barlow, the last of his Masonic work.

We have made no attempt to review proceedings published in a foreign language. All others that have come to us have had attention. The writing of these pages has been very much hurried, and we crave the patient indulgence of the reader. If it should fall to our lot to write again we hope it will be at greater leisure. Again craving pardon for mistakes and omissions with assurances that any such are indeed of the head and not of the heart.

He gives four and one-half pages to Illinois, reviewing our session of 1908. He says of Grand Master Bell that in his address "he comes down to business at once, that his decisions are mostly of local import, that he does not believe in Masons attending church as such and gives good reasons for the faith that is in him."

He makes the very conspicuous and almost inexcusable error of saying that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico received recognition, when the fact is that a special committee was appointed to consider this question and report in 1909. He gives nearly a page of quotation from Grand Orator Beach's oration, which he characterizes as interesting and eloquent. He refers with appreciation to the full and exhaustive report of our Bro. Robbins on correspondence, and gives a hearty "Amen" to his remarks about reinstating members who have been long unaffiliated.

Weston G. Grannip, grand master, Litchfield; Frank W. Havens, grand secretary, Hartford.

DELAWARE, 1908.

103rd Annual. Wilmington. October 7.

The resolute face of Grand Master Thomas J. Day greets the reader on opening the proceedings, and prepares one to expect a record of a business-like meeting. Thirteen past grand masters are listed as present and thirty-two members of the diplomatic corps participated in the meeting, among them M.W. Bro. George Massey Jones, the representative of Illinois. Noticing that the minutes say that "The M.W. Grand Lodge was *called to order* at twelve o'clock (noon) by the M.W. Grand Master," we wondered whether there were any opening ceremonies, but conclude that there must have been some, because by reference to the closing record

on the following day we read that "No further business being offered, prayer was made by the R.W. Grand Chaplain and the M.W. Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware was closed in due and ample form and in harmony at 4:10 o'clock P. M."

True to the promise conveyed by his portrait, the grand master presented a terse but clear address giving a résumé of the work of the year. He reports three special communications of the grand lodge, at Milford, Jan. 23, to dedicate a hall, at Lewes, May 21, to lay the corner stone of the town hall and at Wilmington, Aug. 15, to lay the corner stone of a church. He refers to the death of Bro. ELIHU J. MORRIS, past senior grand warden, and of several past masters. He is able to say that during his year's administration he had visited every lodge in the jurisdiction, which reminds us that there are some very pleasurable advantages in being in a jurisdiction not too large to make this possible. He also notes his happy experience in visits to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where he was suitably received and entertained; but his most enjoyable outing appears to have been on the occasion of his visit to Boston, where he participated in the exercises incident to the celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge of Massachusetts, the oldest Masonic lodge in existence on this continent.

Under the head of correspondence we find the following, which conveys the only intimation we find in the volume that the writer hereof had been in correspondence with his office:

That the correspondence between this grand lodge, the lodges of this jurisdiction and the grand lodges with which we are in fraternal relations might be conducted in a manner that would be abreast of the times of today and that the necessary work could be accomplished with greater dispatch, I instructed the grand secretary to procure a typewriter for his office, which has been done, and I feel sure that the recipients of the correspondence from his office will have very much less trouble in deciphering the same than we have had in trying to get the correct idea conveyed in some of the writings that we have received during the past year.

Dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time and to hold meetings at other times and places than those named in the lodge by-laws. He congratulates the chairman of the several lodges of instruction for their zeal and fidelity in performing their duties, and expresses the opinion that the work of the jurisdiction was never in better condition. In this immediate connection and, perhaps, as a corollary of the above he says under the heading "Decisions:"

That the brethren of the several lodges are well informed of the laws and regulations laid down by this grand lodge and that peace and harmony prevails within our borders, there is no better evidence than the fact that I have not been called upon to render a decision. In two or three instances it was necessary to call their attention to the existing law, but there has not been a question referred to me that required anything more

than a direction to the regulations governing the same that have been previously adopted by this grand lodge.

The report of the grand secretary shows a membership of 2,988, a gain of 100 over the previous year. From the report of the committee on by-laws it appears that in Delaware amendments to lodge by-laws must be submitted to the grand lodge for approval.

The report on correspondence is by R.W. Bro. L. H. Jackson, P.D. G.M. He gives one and one-half of his seventy-two pages to Illinois and summarizes the business of our session of 1907 in a manner that shows careful reading. He expresses appreciation and admiration of the work of M.W. Bro. Robbins, our correspondent.

Henry I. Beers, Jr., Dover, grand master; Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, grand secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1908.

98th Annual. Washington. December 16.

The fly-leaf of this volume carries a striking half-tone likeness of the bright and cheery face of Augustus B. Coolidge, grand master. Following the usual custom, quarterly communications of the grand lodge were held. The first of these was March 14, 1908, and was given over to ritualistic observances. The esoteric portions of the three degrees were exemplified. The grand master expressed his gratification at the interest shown and complimented Brother Lichliter, grand lecturer, and the other degree officers on the excellence of their work.

The second quarterly was held May 13, 1908. An interesting question arose respecting appeals from lodge trials. The grand constitution provides that "in all cases of suspension or expulsion resulting from a trial an appeal may be taken to the grand lodge, notice of which appeal must be filed with the grand secretary within thirty days after judgment shall have been made known to the brother." As no provision is herein made for an appeal in case of an acquittal the grievance committee reported in favor of submitting the question to the committee on jurisprudence. The latter committee expressed the opinon that such an appeal should be allowed and submitted an amendment to the constitution providing therefor. This amendment went over for action till the May meeting, 1909. A special communication of the grand lodge was held September 19, 1908, for the purpose of dedicating the new temple. The usual ceremonials were observed. We give the following extract from the grand master's address on the occasion:

Mr. President and Brethren: With these ceremonies peculiar to our ancient order, we dedicate tonight this beautiful temple. More than a century ago, when our country was young and when the Federal City was little more than a hope, this gavel was first used by the immortal Washington. Since that time, the nation, which he loved and for which he fought, has grown to be a world power, and the Federal City which he conceived and which bears his name has become a model municipality, rivaling in attractiveness the most renowned cities of the world. It is not too much to say that in this growth and position Masonry has been a material factor. To the architectural beauty of the capital it is now contributing this building. This is not to be simply a home for the craft. It is a monument to Masonry. It stands as an evidence of the influence of its teachings. It speaks for the power of the principles it inculcates. It has cost thousands—hundreds of thousands of dollars. It has cost labor and sacrifice on the part of the membership. The world will never know, and few of us fully realize, how much we owe to those who have had this enterprise in charge, particularly the president and executive committee of the Masonic Temple Association. To the careful thought and planning, the patient and untiring efforts of these brethren, to their abiding faith in the face of unforeseen obstacles, to the enthusiasm they have been able to inspire, is due in very large measure the consummation of our hopes. Today we have a Masonic temple of which we may well be proud, artistic in design, commodious in construction, commensurate with the dignity and standing of our time-honored institution. The same loyalty and love for the order, the same pride in its reputation and welfare which has rendered the erection of this building possible, will insure its preservation and will prove an impregnable guard against injury in the future.

Thirty-eight years ago the temple which we are about to vacate was dedicated, and the brethren were then rejoicing that a building had been provided adequate to their needs. Masonry has kept pace with the growth and advancement of the community, and since then the jurisdiction has quadrupled in membership. Tonight we have reason to feel that our ambition regarding a temple has been realized, but it will be a matter for congratulation if the coming years shall show that growth and that advancement which may prove this magnificent edifice unsuitable, and if within the lifetime of some of us the grand lodge may dedicate another Masonic temple, a grander and even more imposing structure, to our use.

May Masonry in the District of Columbia continue to grow, not only in numbers, but in strength. May its influence for all that is elevating and ennobling be more and more recognized. May Masonic ideals be here taught and here cherished, and may the virtue and benevolence, the uprightness of character of its members, be as conspicuous in the community as is this beautiful temple we dedicate tonight.

The third quarterly communication was held September 26, 1908, and was the last meeting held in the old temple. The grand chaplain, Bro. Joseph Dawson, made an eloquent address, from which we extract the following:

There are two words which come to my mind, and will serve as the theme of my address, namely "sentiment" and "sacrifice." The first word reigns supreme in human life. There is a whole world that lies between

sentiment and sentimentality. Sentiment is the red of the dawn, painted by the finger of God; sentimentality is your garish chromograph. Sentiment is power; sentimentality is ever the dissipation of power. The great oratorio is the expression of sentiment. Because people of narrow vision have confused sentiment with sentimentality, the beauty and peace of sentiment in life have not received their due recognition. Sentiment is three parts of life. Sentiment is the logic of the heart, and is a far bigger thing than the logic of the head.

A special communication of the grand lodge was held November 19, 1908, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a building to be occupied by William R. Singleton Lodge No. 30, Tennallytown.

The annual communication was held December 16, 1908, at the new Masonic temple, corner of New York avenue and Thirteenth and H streets, Northwest. Fourteen past grand masters were present. Past Grand Master William H. Nichols of the Grand Lodge of Texas was fraternally greeted and invited to a seat in the East. We extract the following from the address of the grand master:

As we gather at this, the ninety-eighth annual communication, the first in this beautiful new temple, it should be with hearts filled with gratitude to our Supreme Grand Master for the prosperity which has attended our labors, for the blessings which are ours, for the bright prospects the future offers. In the review of the year there is nowhere to be found a suspicion of discord. Intelligent and faithful officers and interested members have worked together for the upbuilding of our lodges and the advancement of Masonic ideals. The ranks of those who have served as officers of this grand body remain unbroken. The year closes with largely increased numbers on our rolls, with peace and harmony abounding, with brighter hopes, with greater possibilities for accomplishment than ever before.

The only decision reported by the grand master relates to the physical qualifications of a petitioner. We refer to this principally to show that the District of Columbia is no exception to the rule that brethren expect the Grand Master to decide many questions which are entirely outside his province and which the brethren themselves are fully competent to determine.

Under the head of work the grand master gives the following statistics:

The reports show the year just ended to have been one of the most prosperous in our history in the amount of work done in our lodges The number raised has been larger than ever before, and with one exception the net gain has been greater than in any other year. Three lodges report net losses in membership, which is largely due to an unusual number of deaths and withdrawals, and in no case the result of lack of interest on the part of officers or members. During the year 573 have been initiated, 555 passed, 555 raised, 174 affiliated, and 55 reinstated; 186 have withdrawn, 150 have died, 69 have been dropped for non-payment of dues, 1 suspended, and 1 expelled. At the beginning of the year, the jurisdiction numbered 8,363. On September 30, 1908, our

membership was 8,740, a net gain of 377. Ninety-two have been rejected, which is an indication that care is being exercised in the selection of material.

We also give place to the following account of what he terms their housewarming:

The "House Warming," extending from September 28 to October 10, was one of the most satisfactory enterprises in which the fraternity has been engaged in the financial interest of the new temple. It gave the brethren and the public an opportunity to inspect the building, and the entertainments furnished by the efficient and hard working committees in charge were very enjoyable to the thousands who attended. It was not anticipated that the receipts would approach the amount realized at any of our fairs, but from present indications the net proceeds will be between $9,000 and $10,000, which will be of material assistance to the Masonic Temple Association in meeting obligations unforseseen at the time of commencing building operations.

From a special report from the correspondence committee we note the following and are pleased to see that the recommendation of the committee was adopted:

We beg leave to invite the attention of the grand lodge to the fact that the three existing district grand lodges in Queensland, namely, of the English, Scottish and Irish constitutions, are not sovereign or even autonomous grand lodges. Their grand masters are appointed from across the sea. From the report in the proceedings it appears that many individual members, and some whole lodges, have gone over to the sovereign grand lodge.

Many of our American grand lodges have given formal recognition to the sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, namely, Illinois, New Jersey, Wyoming, Kansas and others.

From this last report, quoted above, it appears that the number of lodges of the foreign constitution is being amplified, even by dual membership. Thus it will appear that it will be impossible for the new grand lodge to get a majority, or even a plurality, of lodges in the state.

If we desire to adhere to the American plan of planting but one sovereign grand lodge in one and the same state, we may, with propriety, extend the principle to Queensland. Hitherto the grand lodges of North America have regarded the district grand lodges of Queensland as in the category of autonomous grand lodges, which, in the opinion of your committee, we were not obliged to do.

Your committee therefore begs leave to recommend that formal recognition be now accorded the sovereign Grand Lodge of Queensland, of which M.W. Bro. Lord Chelmsford is grand master, and R.W. Bro. Charles H. Harley is grand secretary.

Bro. Kenton N. Harper, historian of the grand lodge, made a report of progress, gave the headings of seventeen chapters which he had prepared, and made the following recommendation which was adopted:

While no definite authorization has as yet been given by the grand lodge as to the scope of the work, the concensus of opinon among those

with whom the historian has advised favors the preparation, in addition to the above, of sketches of the individual lodges, living and extinct, and of the several more prominent appendant orders, together with biographies of those local Masons who have won especial distinction in fraternity circles.

In the absence of contrary instructions the historian has gathered considerable material for use along these latter lines, and is gradually assembling it, but, naturally, prefers to be guided in the near future by some expressions of this body.

Therefore, because of this desire, and also by reason of the fact that early action defining all points connected with the publication of the work is imperatively necessary, the historian recommends that authority be given for the appointment, early in the ensuing year, of a publishing committee of three, whose duty it shall be to present to the grand lodge all the data touching the character, scope, and probably cost of the work, and under the supervision of which the publication shall proceed as directed by this grand body.

From the headings of the chapters we are prepared to expect that when published this will be a book of general interest to the fraternity.

Upon motion of Past Grand Master Francis J. Woodman a committee proposed in the following resolution was appointed. We shall be interested to learn the results of their deliberations, because it seems to us that the question whether property shall be owned directly by lodges or by building associations is an important one:

Whereas, The erection of the new Masonic temple has been completed, and as it seems to be the prevailing opinion among the fraternity of this jurisdiction that the title as well as the control of the property should be vested in the grand lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Masonic Temple Association requests the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to appoint a committee of five to meet with a similar committee from the Masonic Temple Association for the purpose of conferring as to the advisability and the best means to adopt in order that the title and control of the property may become vested in the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Following their usual custom the grand lodge held a St. John's Day communication in December, the principal business transacted being the election and installation of grand officers. The report contains a biographical sketch of Most Worshipful Brother Augustus B. Coolidge, a custom which we would be glad to see more generally adopted. The report on correspondence is by Past Grand Master George W. Baird and consists of 145 pages, of which three are given to Illinois.

The proceedings of our annual communication of 1908 are summarized in a way to show careful reading. Pleasant allusion is made to the reception given Bro. Fay Hempstead, the poet laureate, whose address on the occasion is characterized as a charming one. He says of the

report of our committee on appeals and grievances that it is ideal; that there is enough in it for the essential information of the members of the grand lodge, and quite enough for all other readers to understand that right and justice prevail in the grand lodge. He gives high praise to our Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins for his report on Masonic correspondence. It is pleasant to transcribe the following from the close of his report:

The subject of "cypher ritual" is mentioned in several of the grand lodge reports, but nowhere so forcibly as in an address by the Hon. Henry H. Ingersoll, secretary of the committee on jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. It has long been a question in the mind of the writer, as to how any individual Mason, and more especially a body of Free and Accepted Masons, can reconcile their first obligation with the authorization of the cypher ritual. But they continue to print it and I have no doubt copies are lost now and then. Indeed, this is not denied.

Bro. Ingersoll says Freemasonry has as essential certain secrets of ritual which it conceals and never reveals to anyone outside the order; that these ancient mysteries are only communicated verbally, and that it is likewise forbidden to expose them in printing or in any kind of marking. That no individual Mason is exempt from the obligation of profound secrecy and no human power can authorize him to write, print, etc., any of these secrets. Bro. Ingersoll believes that these secrets are the ancient landmarks which no body of men are at liberty to make innovations in.

Henry K. Simpson, grand master, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.; Arvine W. Johnston, grand secretary, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA, 1909.

80th Annual. Jacksonville. January 19.

This unpretentious volume, printed in type of generous size, bears upon its opening pages pictures of the new Masonic temple at Jacksonville and of the Masonic temple at Tallahassee, where the Grand Lodge of Florida was organized July 6, 1830. The new temple was dedicated January 20, 1909, and presents an attractive exterior, having the appearance of good, square and solid work. There is also a picture of Past Grand Master William E. Anderson (1881-82), who died November 12, 1908, at the age of seventy-five years. The record opens with an account of four special communications of the grand lodge to lay corner-stones of the Lafayette county court house at Mayo, June 3, 1908; Masonic temple at Gainesville, September 9, 1908; Osceola high school at Kissim-

mee, October 15, 1908; Polk county court house at Bartow, December 17, 1908.

At the annual communication which opened at Jacksonville, January 19, 1909, there were present M.W. Bro. ELMER E. HASKELL, grand master, a full line of associate grand officers, eight past grand masters, eighteen district deputy grand masters, seventeen past masters "here in no other capacity," and forty-five of the diplomatic staff, in which Illinois was represented by JAMES C. CRAVER.

In the address of the grand master is given a carefully prepared and detailed account of his official acts and much information of interest to his constituency. His modesty is betokened by the following excerpt:

I am persuaded that he rules best who best knows how to serve.

For the second time, it is my high privilege to give account of your affairs intrusted to my care, and report my official transactions for inspection, that the tares may be separated from the grain, and only that which is right may prevail.

In all of the matters will be found the light as it has at the time shone to me; and rest assured, brethren, that though the understanding may have been moderate, the skill insufficient for the importance of the work, and the record filled with mistakes, my own conscience approves that in everything no selfish motive has prompted, but that my conception of what appeared to be my duty under the circumstances, has prevailed, and I have tried to foster every interest of my brethren. Wherever it has been my privilege to meet the brethren, I have been impressed with the apparent high character of those who are working and teaching our professions, and encouraged to see that these professions are being practiced by them, and with pride I am constrained to say that it is a mark of distinction that usually indicates a good man, to be designated as a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Officially, it has been to me a great pleasure, that the brethren, upon almost every occasion and issue that has arisen, exhibited to so marked a degree that brotherly tolerance for the speech, acts and opinions of each other, and which has made possible so much good feeling and harmony among them, during the past year.

He reports that five new lodges were constituted and that thirteen lodges U.D. were instituted.

He made and reported sixty-three decisions, ranging all the way from the custody of the key to the lodge room to the wearing of Masonic emblems by a Mason's widow, but says of some of them that they were "simply reported as official transactions."

We quote No. 37 of the series because it shows the antithesis of the Illinois law on the subject:

That the consent required in waiving jurisdiction of a lodge as to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts must be expressed by secret ballot; otherwise the free expression of objection to advancement might be restrained, or the objector divulged to the brethren.

We reproduce the following from the conclusion of the grand master's address:

Compared with former years, the past year, officially, has been a very busy one, continuously filled with matters of importance, sufficient to have taxed the time and ability of the most competent.

In common with many of the brethren, whose zeal for our institution has been tried and proved in many activities, my time has been freely and lovingly given, and whatever of ability was my portion, used for the interests of our noble craft.

Appreciation of the many honors and privileges conferred upon me by this grand lodge makes my feeble utterances entirely inadequate to express my feelings upon this occasion; but, as I reflect upon the situation—my brethren gathered around me in this annual home-coming, made up of the representative men from each community, and who are making the history of our fair state, in this *new temple*, this new home, of that fraternity which, in practical life, has ever spoken, and is now speaking, its encouraging words of good cheer to the struggling man of today; that holds out to the world its ever luminous example of brethren living in unity and brotherly love; that teaches to him who seeks, the highest type of moral citizenship; that holds up its ever-shining light of happiness and hope against the darkness of superstition, prejudice and ignorance;—the desire to think of self is lost, and in the reflected glory of this great Masonic pageant it is enough that I have been permitted to be one of the many who have had opportunity to be counted among those who love its privileges.

At the evening session Past Grand Master ZEIGLER of the Grand Lodge of Washington was officially received. We wonder how "LOUIE" happened to be so far from home—and whether he had an opportunity to inculcate his favorite first lesson in German, "*Was wilst du haben?*" At this session the E. A. degree was conferred on an actual candidate for a local lodge, by the grand lodge committee on work.

The report on correspondence is from the skilled and practiced hand of Past Grand Master S. B. WRIGHT, whose 135 pages of carefully selected and gracefully written original matter make the reader wish he were not restricted for space. To a charming style, he adds the strength which comes from knowledge and thought and the courage to speak his mind when he differs from his co-laborers. In the four pages which he gives to Illinois he shows that he has carefully read the record of our meeting of 1908, and noted the action taken. He refers to the reception accorded to R.W. Bro. HEMPSTEAD, the new poet laureate, mentions the work done by our Home board and notes the fact that the question of recognizing the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was referred to a special committee to report the following year. Anent this he says:

This will bring up the question of the recognition of grand lodges formed by lodges who were first chartered by A. & A. S. R. bodies, against which Bro. Robbins is so bitterly opposed. The reference of the resolution of a special committee is a direct effort to pass it over his head and we shall watch the result with special interest. Bro. Robbins

was appointed chairman of the committee, the mover of the resolution, M.W. Bro. Geo. M. Moulton, being also a member.

We will say for the information of Bro. WRIGHT and others who may be interested, that the preparation of the report of this special committee was almost the last Masonic work done by Bro. ROBBINS, being finished after he was no longer able to leave his bed.

We append the following quotation from Bro. WRIGHT'S review of Bro. ROBBINS' work:

The correspondence report is by M.W. Bro. Robbins and is interesting from start to finish. He never desists from hitting the head of the A. & A. S. R. whenever and wherever found. He seems so unreasonable in his statements, and his premises are so twisted from those of the majority of the best Masonic writers that we cannot feel other than that he is unreasonably prejudiced. He and Bro. Jenks, of Wisconsin, are of a class almost by themselves.

Perhaps we will be permitted to remark quietly in this connection that the first or highest class is usually rather small, and to express the hope (we had almost said belief) that if Bro. WRIGHT will give the same thoughtful study and discrimination to the question of what constitutes the right to *dominate* in the affairs of Ancient Craft Masonry that he has given to other subjects he will become a member of the class. Read again what Bro. ROBBINS has so ably written on this subject, starting in not with the idea that he was prejudiced but that he was conscientiously striving to present the facts, and conversion to the views he advocated will surely follow because historically, logically and Masonically his argument is convincing and unanswerable—and to it we here attempt no addition.

We regret that Brother WRIGHT could not find space to give us at least a summary of the statistics he has been at the trouble and expense to collect, on the subject of lodge attendance on church services, and which he refers to as valuable and interesting.

On the subject of original jurisdiction by a grand lodge in cases of discipline, Brother WRIGHT says:

Brother Robbins opposes the claim by grand lodges of original jurisdiction insisting that they only have appellate jurisdiction. In Florida we have claimed and exercised "original jurisdiction" for over seventy-five years, although the writer is not entirely satisfied that our grand lodge is correct in its claim.

This indicates a mind open to conviction and justifies the hope expressed *supra*, that Brother WRIGHT will yet see a new light, on the subject of *high-rite*.

LOUIS C. MASSEY, Orlando, grand master; WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville, grand secretary.

GEORGIA, 1908.

122ND ANNUAL. MACON. OCTOBER 28.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form, Most Worshipful THOMAS H. JEFFRIES, grand master, presiding. Prayer was offered by B. F. THURMAN, grand chaplain.

There were present two past grand masters, three past deputy grand masters and a past grand treasurer—also the envoys from fifty-five other grand lodges, including THOMAS J. CARLING, representative from Illinois. Ten of the eleven district deputies were in attendance. At roll call 517 delegates representing lodges, and 400 past masters not representing lodges, responded. The reverent eloquence of the grand master's address is evidenced by the following extracts:

We, again, are permitted to surround the sacred altar, our tongues attuned to the melody of peace, our souls inspired with emotions of love, our hearts overflowing with filial gratitude, while ascriptions of adoration and praise fill this holy house; I would paraphrase and adopt the prayer of Nehemiah, "O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy servants, who desire to fear Thy name; and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day, and grant him grace in the sight of these men."

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As Masons, we seek that higher light. With our faces turned toward the eternal source of light, with hope in humanity and faith in Almighty God, we climb the "toilsome steep" until our feet are firmly set upon the regal heights of the mountain of knowledge. For Masonry, there are no "valleys of the shadows," the ascent is ever upward and onward and the shadows fall only upon the faint-hearted and the slothful, upon him who, forgetful of time and careless of opportunity, loiters by the wayside to enjoy some idle pleasures. "Excelsior" is the battle cry of Masonry.

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A glorious brotherhood, whose foundation is faith and trust in Almighty God. Recognizing His eternal Fatherhood, it becomes the royal house of the King of Heaven, every brother a royal Prince, through whose veins courses the purple blood of his Divine lineage. Matchless Masonry, with her immortal tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, is like celestial wisdom.

The grand master pays a loving tribute to the memory of R.W. Bro. J. H. ESTILL, past junior grand warden, for whose funeral an occasional communication of the grand lodge was convened.

Dispensations were issued to institute ten new lodges, twenty-five lodges that had received charters at the previous annual meeting were constituted and nine corner-stones were placed.

Notwithstanding his earnest protest against the too prevalent practice of granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time, the grand master reports the issue of 135 miscellaneous dispensations, including a large number of untimely degrees, removals of place of meeting, etc. From the record we conclude that a Georgia lodge must procure a dispensation before removing into a new hall even when no jurisdictional rights are involved. When Georgia adopts the Illinois schedule of fees for dispensations to authorize "hurry-up" degrees, the grand master's labors in that direction will doubtless decrease.

Of the decisons reported by the grand master we copy No. 3 only, as follows:

3. I have been asked if a Mason can engage in the sale of "near beer."

"Near beer" being a relative term, and not being familiar with the constituency of "near beer," I decided:

No Mason may lawfully engage in the sale or barter, for valuable consideration, either directly or indirectly, or give away to induce trade at any place of business, or keep or furnish at any other public places, or manufacture, or keep on hand at his place of business, any alcoholic, spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors or intoxicating bitters or other drinks, which, if drunk to excess, or if drunk at all, will produce intoxication. Provided this shall not apply to licensed druggists selling for medical or scientific purposes only, as provided by the laws of the state of Georgia.

This is an excellent illustration of how "near" a grand lodge may come to the ridiculous when it undertakes to fix by definite limitations the vocation of its petitioners and members. Let us have "good men and true" and let us rely upon the intelligence and conscience of our membership to judge truly and justly of the individual character and worthiness in each case as it arises. It is not the vocation of a man, but his conduct that should determine the status.

The grand master's address closes with the following poem, by Bro. Rudyard Kipling:

L'ENVOI.

When earth's last picture is painted, and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it—lie down for an æon or two,
Till the Master of all good workmen shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good shall be happy; they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from—Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us, and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working, and each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it, for the God of Things as They Are!

District deputies for the eleven districts were elected by the representatives of the respective districts and their election was approved by the grand lodge. By the adoption of a report from the committee on general welfare, these deputies were divided into three classes, elected for one, two and three years, respectively, and thereafter for three-year terms. Among the duties relegated to the Georgia deputies appears to be that of promulgating the work of the jurisdiction.

From the report of the trustees of Masonic Home we clip the following:

Cost of maintenances of eight state Homes as follows:

New York, per capita	$212 23
Ohio, per capita	188 54
Michigan, per capita	294 99
New Jersey, per capita	226 07
Nebraska, per capita	189 97
Illinois, per capita	194 80
Missouri, per capita	245 00
Connecticut, per capita	166 54
Total, divided by eight	$1,718 14
Average cost per capita	$ 214 77

Georgia Home average inmates, 30.

Average cost per capita $ 211 90

The number of lodges at close of session 546, a gain of sixteen over previous year. Number of members 30,056, a gain of 1,636.

The report on correspondence (142 pp.) is the eighth from the pen of Bro. A. Q. Moody, who reviews the Illinois session of 1907, the last year of Brother Allen's administration, from whose report which he characterizes as encouraging he extracts a paragraph. He refers to Brother Robbins' report on correspondence as "a valuable document, intensely interesting from a Masonic standpoint and full of information."

Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta, re-elected grand master; W. A. Wollihin, Macon, re-elected grand secretary.

IDAHO, 1908.

41ST ANNUAL. BOISE. SEPTEMBER 8.

The pleasant features in half-tone of Grand Master WILLIAM R. HAMILTON greet us from the fly-leaf of the proceedings. Then comes the record of a special communication of the grand lodge convened for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new city hall at Cœur d'Alene, May 9, 1908. The forty-first annual communication was opened at Boise, September 8, 1908, by WILLIAM C. WHITWELL, grand master, and his associate grand officers. There were present six past grand masters, one past senior grand warden, three past junior grand wardens, twenty-four past masters and the representatives of thirty-eight chartered lodges and two lodges under dispensation. The presence of eighteen diplomats is recorded, not including the Illinois representative, Bro. STEPHEN DEMPSEY.

From the grand master's business-like address we clip the following:

In my travels over the state I have been particularly gratified to see so many young men entering the Masonic fraternity. The pure prinples as taught and practiced by our ancient and honorable order will greatly aid in purifying, elevating and ennobling the lives of all men; but the young men coming into the Masonic fraternity will receive a special blessing, for in them will be instilled and developed a veneration and love for the Deity and His sacred word, which will greatly strengthen their faith, and guide them safely through life's journey in the paths of righteousness.

From the reports of various lodges it appears that our membership has reached 2,595, a net gain of 200. The steadily increasing numbers is a source of satisfaction, and the stronger we become the greater is our responsibility.

He notes the passing of M.W. Bro. FRANK E. ENSIGN, past grand master, who was elected to the Grand East in 1881—and of forty-six other faithful brethren of the jurisdiction, and refers to the demise of R.W. Bro. GILBERT W. BARNARD, of Illinois. He records the making of twenty official visitations and the issuance of seven dispensations, among them two for the formation of new lodges. He recommended that a cipher key to the work be given to the grand master and to the wardens and senior deacon of each lodge. The committee on jurisprudence (the grand lodge concurring) acquiesced in this so far as concerned the grand master, but turned the wardens and deacons down cold save for such pickings as they might obtain at "reasonable times" from the master's copy. If there must be a "fence" it is well to have its exact height

definitely fixed. It is better, however, to deal in none but honest goods upon which profane and stealthy hands cannot be placed.

The grand master decided (*inter alia*) that it is contrary to the teaching of Masonry and to the sacredness and secrecy of the ballot to instruct a brother to cast the vote of the lodge for a certain named brother for an office. The committee and the grand lodge sustained this doctrine. If inexperienced brethren would pay more attention to Masonic principles and practices and less to political methods and caucuses, we should not find this attempt to copy partisan devices and gag-rule measures hopping up in lodges so often.

The grand secretary's report shows a total membership of 2,595, a gain of 200 during the year.

The report on correspondence (125 pp.) is from the pen of the veteran reviewer, GEORGE E. KNEPPER, who gives over three of his pages to Illinois, showing a careful and discriminating reading of our proceedings of 1907, though he makes one mistake that will amuse our good brother SPENCER, who is given credit for the oration, "said to be an excellent one," delivered, though not furnished for print, by Rev. RUFUS A. WHITE. Brother SPENCER was guilty of nothing worse than moving a vote of thanks and requesting a copy of the oration for publication. Brother KNEPPER makes several brief extracts from the report of Brother ROBBINS, showing that he knows a good thing when he sees it and that he still retains the school teacher's appreciation of honest work which he exhibited in Illinois many years ago.

WILLIAM R. HAMILTON, Silver City, grand master; THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, Boise, grand secretary.

INDIANA, 1909.

88TH ANNUAL. INDIANAPOLIS. MAY 25.

This volume opens with a report of the special meeting of the grand lodge held on Monday, May 24, the day preceding the date of annual meeting, for the purpose of dedicating the new and beautiful Masonic Temple, a handsome cut of which adorns the fly-leaf. The ceremonies occurred in the afternoon and were prolonged into the evening. In addition to the ritualistic observances the time permitted a deal of oratory sufficient to fill nearly forty pages of the report. M.W. Bro. ISAAC P. LEYDEN, past grand master and grand lodge trustee, in behalf of the

trustees and building committee presented the result of their labors to the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. CHARLES N. MIKELS.

Bro. Mikel's address took the form of an imaginary invitation to King Solomon, our first most excellent grand master, to be the guest of the day, and he reported the conversation supposed to have occurred in their joint inspection of the building, thus permitting the introduction of the names of many of the brethren who were prominent in planning and constructing the temple and the details of the work done. We give space to the following extracts selected almost at random, from this very interesting interview, in which King Solomon is represented as seeking, and the grand master as furnishing the desired information:

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"Who are the members of your building committee, who have been paralleling my own famous building committee—my friend, Hiram, King of Tyre, and my beloved brother, Hiram Abiff? I have looked on every hand for at least a tablet which shall tell in enduring brass that their names are worthy of standing out boldly before all who may enter this temple as master builders.

"Who is the architect of this temple? From whose heart and head were quarried those massive and appropriate pillars on the outer wall, which lean out over the spectator like the outspread fingers of the hands of a god, a perpetual, imperative command in stone, saying, 'Hush. Be still as you look.'"

We answer: The fullness of time is not here. Wait until tomorrow. Their brethren of the grand lodge will reward Leyden, Emery, Holloway, Cravens, Gavin, and their secretary, Prather; Jacoby, Mayer and Wynne, Hunter and Rubush, with a chaplet of sincere appreciation and fix their place among the master builders of the Masonic world.

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"Where is that regal veteran of half a century's earnest service, Martin H. Rice? Where is that sweet-spirited comrade of many a quiet council, Simeon Stevens Johnson? Where are the seven hundred and forty-seven of your brethren who have left your altars never to return, since you laid the corner stone of this building a year ago? I weep for them and I weep over my own dead and my own departed glory.

"I am standing on the doorstep of your own glorious achievement, looking across the centuries to the hour of my own triumph. I am reaching for the inspiration of my own accomplished results, which gave me my place in history. Behold, that which I wrought so diligently in marble and brass and cedar and precious stone does not endure. My beautiful temple has crumbled into flower gardens where Hebrew maidens grow fragrance over the tomb of my greatness.

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"Not one who wrought with me then is with me now. I am alone, a stranger in a strange land and in a strange time. The time was when I called up my seventy thousand Entered Apprentices who toiled so faithfully with me, and they answered my summons; so did my eighty thousand Fellow Crafts, who worked so effectively in quarry and forest that

neither a hammer or any tool of iron were heard or needed in the erection of my temple; so did my three thousand three hundred masters, or overseers of the work; so did my good right hand, my Hiram, King of Tyre, so did my left, my wizard of beauty, my Hiram Abiff, the widow's son. But not one of them is with me now."

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But I said to Solomon in his tears: Your self-consciousness has made you short sighted. Life is too short to think about yourself and your disappointments. Masonry is optimistic. Your temple was a pattern for other temples and the pattern has not been lost. This very temple which we are dedicating is your temple, and it is only one out of a thousand temples which are yours.

Near the close of the Grand Master's address we find the following sample of Indiana eloquence:

I want this temple to be filled, and shine with the refulgent splendor of the incandescent light of real 2,000-candle power brotherhood and the smiles of your faces. I want you to be active dynamos which generate an uninterrupted current of good fellowship. I want you to come here as a willing storage battery ready to be fully charged and go back home full of a vital power for good.

I want the great Architect of the Universe to open up a new set of books with Indiana Masons; to get some thoroughly up-to-date adding machines with perpetual motion attachments. With selected heart-specialists and speedy accountants, I want him to keep track of us, brethren, and announce to us some sweet day, who it is among us, who greets the largest number of his brethren with a smile of welcome; gives most heartily, the good right hand of Masonic loyalty; utters the most kindly words of appreciation, and finally tells us who it is, who forgets himself most in thinking of his brethren oftenest.

The other speech at the afternoon session was by Rev. Joshua Stanfield, from whose able address we quote only a brief paragraph:

Away with the foolish cry that "Masonry is good enough church for me." It is no church at all, and never claims to be. It is the highest and noblest fraternal organization the world has yet known. Let us hold strenously and wisely to the dicta, "no union of church and state," "no union of Masonry and state." Let us ever remember that there are two institutions forever higher than Masonry—the family and the church.

At the evening session there was a speech of welcome by Past Grand Master Frank E. Gavin and an address by Bro. Elias J. Jacoby. These talks were eloquent and inspiring and we find them so interesting that we are unable to make selections from those that would do them justice, and can only suggest to Illinois Masons that if they can possess themselves of these orations it will pay to read them.

On Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, one hour earlier than that fixed by the regulations for the opening of the grand lodge, there was a preliminary meeting at which after singing by the Masonic Quartette there were speeches by Bro. Robert J. Aley, past master of Monroe Lodge No. 22,

on the *Real Structure of Masonry* and by Past Grand Master LINCOLN V. CRAVENS, in which he gave many interesting details and statistics anent the construction of the temple. Both these addresses are well worth a careful reading.

At the beginning of the record of the annual meeting, which opened at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 25th, is an excellent half-tone of M. W. Bro. WM. H. MARKER, now grand master. Sixteen past grand masters were present and thirty-two members of the diplomatic corps, though Illinois was not represented. Grand Master MIKELS in an able and well written address covering forty pages of the record, gives a full report of the transactions of the year, including many interesting items about the construction of the new temple and a review of the centennial celebration held at Vincennes, March 13, 1909. He says that "Illinois was represented by CHARLES MARTIN, grand lecturer," and he gives the names of several other brethren from neighboring states and remarks, "I wish that you could have heard these brethren as well as our own brethren." We join in the wish, for Wabash oratory is always up to high watermark.

He reports the demise of SIMEON S. JOHNSON, past grand master, and of Past Grand Master MARTIN H. RICE, grand treasurer, and includes in his list of deceased in other jurisdictions the name of LOYAL L. MUNN, our lamented past grand secretary.

He authorized the removal of seven lodges and approved the by-laws submitted by twenty-four lodges.

He also issued special dispensations for the election of officers in fourteen lodges. He reported eighteen decisions, all of which were approved by the committee on jurisprudence and adopted by the grand lodge. We transcribe the 4th and 7th of these decisions, because they give in language somewhat different from the usual stereotype form what we understand to be the rule in Illinois upon the same subects.

4. If an Indiana lodge has not authorized an expenditure of money on a member of its lodge who is in good standing, temporarily or permanently residing in some other grand jurisdiction, there is no legal Masonic obligation on the part of the Indiana lodge to pay such unauthorized expenditure. An Indiana lodge has no legal Masonic basis for presenting a bill to a lodge of another grand jurisdiction for a similar unauthorized expenditure made in Indiana by an Indiana lodge, for the benefit of a needy brother of another grand jurisdiction, who is temporarily or permanently within the jurisdiction of the Indiana lodge. There is a basis in fairness on which to present the matter of the expenditure and the necessities of the case to the lodge of the Mason assisted, in expectation that the lodge of the beneficiary will appreciate the assistance rendered to its member, by contributing as much as they can do reasonably toward the liquidation of the expenditure, without ground for criticism because of inability to pay the whole bill.

7. On funeral occasions, when the deceased belongs to the Masonic order and other orders, there is no legal objection to such other orders joining as such in the funeral procession, when the Masonic lodge is to perform the burial ceremony. There is nothing in Masonic law to prevent Masonic lodges from extending the common courtesies to other established and helpful orders. Masonic lodges do not turn out on funeral occasions unless requested to do so by the deceased in his lifetime, or by his family after death. Members of the order and their families are constructively, if not actually, aware of the law of the order, and know that Masonic lodges cannot be called out except to *bury* the dead. The law of the order, which prohibits Masonic lodges from acting as escorts to other orders on funeral occasions, is not born of lack of courtesy to those orders, but grows out of the fact that there is no provision for a meeting on such occasions except for the purpose of performing the burial service.

Two duplicate charters were issued, one charter surrendered, one dispensation for a new lodge was granted, ten corner-stones were laid, thirteen lodges were officially visited, and four halls were dedicated.

Under the head of "The Nationalization of Free and Accepted Masons," the grand master quotes the invitation of the grand master of Pennsylvania to attend a conference of grand masters in Philadelphia for the purpose of consultation regarding the difference of construction given to some of the usages, customs and landmarks in the various jurisdictions, and makes it the text for a long, and in many respects trite, argument for the establishment of a general grand lodge.

In this he goes far beyond anything which was probably in the mind of the grand master of Pennsylvania, when he sent out the invitation, and opens a subject at which older and more conservative members of the craft have shied for years, though frequently led up to it by inexperienced enthusiasts.

Upon the recommendation of the committee to whom that part of the grand master's address was referred he was sent to Philadelphia to represent Indiana in the conference named, and where the suggestion of the formation of a general grand lodge was received with scant favor.

From the report of the grand secretary we learn that at the beginning of the year there were 534 lodges in the state, that one new lodge was chartered and one charter surrendered, leaving the number of lodges the same as the previous year.

The net increase in membership in 1908 was 2,404, and the total membership Jan. 1, 1909, 52,515.

The trustees of the temple association reported receipts, including balance from previous year, of $316,027.02 and expenditures, principally on account of temple construction, of $308,761.57 and a balance May 25, 1909, of $7,265.45.

The legatees of Past Grand Master MARTIN H. RICE presented to the grand lodge his Masonic library, which was gratefully accepted by the grand lodge and suitably acknowledged by a special committee.

Upon the recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was accorded full recognition, and the report of same committee answering a question referred to it was adopted, as follows:

May an Entered Apprentice of one lodge be granted permission to visit another lodge which is open and at work on the Entered Apprentice degree?

Your committee agrees with the grand master that there is much confusion now existing upon this question among the lodges of Indiana and that there ought to be uniformity of practice in relation thereto, and we unanimously report that, in our opinion, any Entered Apprentice of one lodge is, and of right ought to be, entitled to visit another lodge open and at work on the Entered Apprentice degree.

The report on Masonic correspondence, or as it is here designated the Indiana Annual Masonic Review, is by Past Grand Master DANIEL MCDONALD, who gives to Illinois seven and one-half of his two hundred and twelve pages.

He gives a résumé of Grand Master BELL'S address at our annual of 1908, showing careful reading of same, and says of his views regarding church attendance by lodges as such, that they are so nearly in accord with his own that he quotes them in full. He refers to the oration of Grand Orator BEACH, as a polished production. He quotes with approbation several items from the report of Bro. ROBBINS on correspondence and says of his report:

We thank our contemporary for his kindly notice of our efforts to produce a readable review, and we can say "without the fear of successful contradiction" that his review is the most voluminous and interesting document of the kind we have ever had the pleasure of perusing. The complete index accompanying the report is one of the most interesting features connected with it.

WILLIAM H. MARKER, grand master, Tipton; CALVIN W. PRATHER, grand secretary, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1908.

35TH ANNUAL. McALESTER, OK. AUGUST 11.

A vignette of M.W. Bro. JAMES BOYD MORROW adorns the first page of the proceedings, and this is followed by a brief biographical sketch showing that he was made a Mason in 1894 and was appointed senior grand deacon in 1903.

Thereafter appear the records of two emergent communications of the grand lodge, one at Tulsa, Ok., October 26, 1907, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Bro. JOHN DILLON SEAMON, a member of Tulsa Lodge No. 65, and the other at Coweta, November 1, 1907, to lay the corner-stone of the Presbyterian church, at both of which Grand Master R. W. CHOATE presided and opened the grand lodge in ample form on the third degree.

The annual meeting convened at McAlester, Choctaw Nation, Oklahoma, August 11, 1908, Grand Master JAMES BOYD MORROW in the chair. The report of the committee on credentials showed the presence of the full line of grand officers, twelve past grand masters, four district deputy grand masters, thirty-eight past masters, 174 representatives of chartered lodges, and twelve from lodges U.D.

In the grand master's address, after reciting the ancient legend of HAFAZ, the EGYPTIAN, which teaches the lesson that "Truth leads to joy in the hereafter," he gives a summary of the year's work including dispensations, decisions, etc., mostly of local application. The item of most general interest is that pertaining to the steps looking towards the consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, made advisable if not practically compulsory by the political union of the two territories.

The following extract from the report of the committee on consolidation contains a résumé of the progress made and the committee's suggestion as to proposed action, and this was probably carried out in substance at the February meeting, though we have no official report of that meeting at hand as yet:

We, your committee to whom was referred the matter of merging the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, and that were appointed to meet the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory and his delegation, who are here to confer with us on this important question, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

That we have met with the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and his delegation and have thoroughly discussed with them

the question of a merger of the two grand bodies, and that we are of the opinon and belief that such merger should be had upon the following basis and lines:

That the grand lodge formed as a result of such merger should be called "The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma," and that it should be incorporated under the laws of the State of Oklahoma by and under said name.

That in order to bring about this result a communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory should be called to meet on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1908, at the same time of the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, to be held at such place as this grand lodge shall determine.

That at said communications each of said grand lodges shall transact such business as shall come before them, and pass an ordinance vesting its jurisdiction in said Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, when said grand lodge shall be organized.

That both of said grand lodges shall then meet in convention in the city of Guthrie, Oklahoma, for the purpose of merging into the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma by adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing its grand officers.

That in organizing the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma the officers, both elective and appointive, shall alternate, according to rank, between the present jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory and the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory.

That said convention shall be composed of the members of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory present at said communication, and the members of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory present at said communication, the representatives in said convention having the same vote, voice and rights that they had in their respective grand lodges.

That the past grand officers of the two present grand jurisdictions shall be past grand officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, with like privileges and honors as they now enjoy in their respective jurisdictions.

That the present elective officers of each grand lodge and the past masters in each grand jurisdiction shall be members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma.

That each of the present grand jurisdictions shall retain their present esoteric work, and a grand lecturer in each jurisdiction to disseminate the same, until the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma provides otherwise.

That the subordinate lodges in each grand jurisdiction shall retain their present charters, as a matter of history, and new charters shall be issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, which new charters shall recite the facts which necessitated the issuing of the same.

We give place to a few paragraphs from the oration of Bro. William Henry Talmage, because they express a sentiment well worthy of being proclaimed from the house-tops:

Masonic "work" is not simple money getting. Anything but that.

A poor, unreasoning dog, tied to a tread-mill, tongue lolling out, running the while, yet arriving nowhere, released at last by the hand of the housewife, who finds the butter churned, passes a day of nobler toil than the reasoning man who races the tread-mill of life with no loftier ideal in his heart than that of adding a few more dollars to his pile.

Besides this, money does not always support us in the best sense, nor support those dependent upon us. The upright, useful life of a father may be far greater wealth to a boy than an inheritance of money alone.

The memory of a loving, virtuous, hard-working mother or father has done more to keep in those paths that lead to greatness the feet of America's boys and girls than the wealth of the nation. And yet too often do we allow ourselves to place a greater value on the dollar than upon worth of character. Money you may acquire at times with little or no effort, but character never. Only by honest, patient labor can a life be wrought that will be a force and inspiration sufficiently noble to influence others by its beauty. Such a character may have a thousand manifestations. It may be fostered by the youth or the aged. And its achievement should always be in the mind of the Mason who would truly do work pleasing to the Omnipotent One.

There is a report on correspondence (180 pp.), the sixth from Bro T. C. Humphrey, but Illinois does not find a place therein.

Henry Lowndes Muldrow, Tishomingo, grand master; Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka, grand secretary.

IOWA, 1909.

66th Annual. Davenport. June 1.

We have learned to expect good material and workmanship when we take up the printed record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and this year's volume forms no exception to the rule. The cover page bears a cut of the fine library building at Cedar Rapids, which is labeled "The Only Masonic Library Building in the World." The fly-leaf has a good half-tone of M.W. Bro. P. J. Martin, grand master, and there are also half-tones of William Boyd Allison, honorary senior grand warden 1888, and Cyrus Haskel Shaw, senior grand warden 1875-6. The record is further illustrated by vignettes of David W. Clements, elected grand master at the session under review, and of William Hutchinson, deputy grand master, Hugh William Hughes, senior grand warden, Charles D. Becker, junior grand warden, and Charles Edward Nary, grand treasurer. As they all have faces pleasant to look upon, the volume lacks nothing by way of illustration. There is also a

brief biographical sketch of each of the five above named grand officers. Previous to the formal opening of the grand lodge, the grand and past grand officers and members of the grand lodge assembled at the headquarters hotel and led by the grand marshal marched to the grand opera house, where an address of welcome was given by the mayor of Davenport in behalf of the city and by an eloquent brother in behalf of the local lodges. To these, by request of the grand master, the deputy grand master, Bro. J. W. Barry, made response "in a happy manner, interspersing his talk with interesting stories, saying among other things:"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ladies and Brethren of Davenport:

As I sat listening to the addresses by the speakers who have preceded me, I thought, when the first "gun" was fired, "What shall I say?" But when the second reported, I wished "I was seven blocks away."

The Masons of Iowa deeply appreciate the welcome we have received, and they vie with Davenport citizens in all that has been said about this city, as they know its beauty and its character, and are proud to know that Davenport belongs, not to the people of Davenport, but to the great state of Iowa.

Your city is famed for its hospitality. Fifty years ago on June 7, the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to Davenport for the first time to hold its annual communication. At that time Brother Hartsock was grand master, and he congratulated Masonry on what it had accomplished in Iowa. He stated that there were then 147 lodges in Iowa, with a membership of 4,000. That was the first time the grand lodge came to Davenport, and this makes fourteen times that it has come here since. No other city in Iowa has welcomed the grand lodge as often as Davenport. It has met in twenty-one cities in the state since its organization, but the record of Des Moines, with ten communications, is nearest to that set by Davenport. Now the grand lodge gathers in this city again with over 500 lodges in the state, and with a membership of 40,000. Not only this, but there is now in the state an Eastern Star with a membership of 28,000 of the noblest women in all the world, and with its chief officer, Mrs. Bessie M. Bills, residing in this city. So we can take you brethren in Davenport by the hand and rejoice with you that the ensign of our order hangs high. Mayor Scott has given us as hearty a welcome as a Mason could wish. For us you have plugged up the hour glass, have removed the hands from the dial of time, and have given us a "Fidlar" that we may have a merry time, and furnished us with a "Block" system that we may go on our way more free from danger. For all this I thank you, but it expresses but little of the appreciation that we feel.

At the conclusion of the public exercises the grand master requested all not members of the fraternity to withdraw, and the sixty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was opened in ample form on the third degree, at Turner grand opera house, Davenport, June 1, 1909. At roll call the elective and appointive officers responded, also, eleven past grand masters, six past senior grand wardens, seven past junior grand wardens, and nine past grand treasurers.

There were no diplomats present, because as stated in the grand master's address the custom of having such representatives "has fallen into disuse in Iowa." The grand master suggested the consideration of the question of reviving the practice and the subject was referred to a special committee to report next year.

After calling the deputy grand master to the chair the grand master proceeded with his address, which opened with these good words:

With a due sense of the responsibilities entrusted to me as your grand master during the past year, I will endeavor to render you an accounting of my stewardship.

It has been my aim to preserve intact the landmarks of Freemasonry, to maintain the usages and customs of the craft, and allow nothing to mar the peace and harmony that has prevailed in this jurisdiction for so many, many years. Realizing that Freemasonry is a law unto itself, that it imperatively requires that all other organizations be of secondary consideration, that its virtues, principles, security, and perpetuity depend upon its isolation from the profane and the shifting ideas of change and reform, it has been my purpose to carry out the will of this grand lodge impartially, and in accordance with our established law. The Grand Lodge of Iowa meets in its sixty-sixth annual communication to plant one more golden milestone in its triumphant march along the pathway of human liberty. No assemblage of men, whether ecclesiastical, civic, or fraternal, ever had greater cause to be proud of the principles for which they stand, or have greater reason to glory in the universality of the truths they promulgated than have we. Centuries of honorable history and progress are behind us. History that proclaims to the world our unselfish devotion to duty in the uplifting and the betterment of mankind. Among all the institutions known to man at the present day Freemasonry and the great school back of it are the only ones that undertake with clear intelligence to define man's duty to himself and to his fellowmen, and to point out the lines of self-perfection, liberation, and higher evolution by an exact ethical formula, free from all dogmatism, superstititon, fear, or any ulterior motive whatsoever. Freemasonry thus stands as the epitome of human wisdom and of man's highest achievement to the present time.

He reported that five new lodges chartered at the previous grand communication had been constituted and that dispensations had been issued to institute several new lodges.

On the subject of smoking in lodge rooms he gave forth no uncertain sound, in the following:

The growing inclination of men to smoke at all times and places has resulted in the members of some of our lodges insisting that they have the right to smoke in the lodge room. Such a man would demand the right to smoke in church, should he attend one, no matter how offensive it might be to others. No Mason who has the true spirit of fraternity in his heart will have the desire to smoke or perform any other act in the lodge room that will offend any brother or tend to debase or degrade this noble order. Only a few of our lodges permit it, and in these the practice should be stopped. Smoking in the lodge room is an offense

against common decency, a violation of the rules of good breeding, and should be made a Masonic offense.

What he says about white and black balls is so aptly put that it is well worth repeating:

There is no one thing that causes so much trouble in the lodges, so many disappointments to the members, as the wrong use of the black ball. To see a man we know is worthy and good denied admission to the fraternity for personal reasons or personal spite tests our confidence in human nature as we see the teachings and tenets of our order go unheeded. Yet the black ball is necessary for our very existence, and any change in the law would be unwise. The absolute right to cast a secret ballot is one of our landmarks. So long as there creep into this fold men who are unworthy, who have become members for purely selfish motives, who have no conception of what real Masonry is, just so long will there be the wrong use of the black ball. If it were possible for this fraternity to eliminate selfishness and hatred from the minds of its members, it would have succeeded where all the philosophies and religions of the world have failed. The only thing that we can do is to guard our portals well, see that no unworthy member is admitted, and, if possible, educate our members in the teachings and principles of genuine Masonry. Ask each member to compare the candidate with himself. Place himself and the candidate on the same level, and then in the white light of absolute justice decide whether he is as good a citizen and as upright a man as the candidate, and vote accordingly. When this is done there will be fewer black balls cast unjustly, but when a ballot has been had and a man above all reproach, who would have been an honor to the fraternity, has been rejected, it is better to lose the candidate than to question the motives of a member at the risk of dissension or disruption. This fraternity or any lodge thereof is not dependent upon the admission of any one person or any one dozen persons into its ranks. Remember, brethren, that more real harm has been done the Masonic institution by the wrong use of the white ball than has by the wrong use of the black cube, but when a black ball is cast unjustly, it is better to leave it all to the silence which should follow the ballot and the offending member to his own conscience, for every member must answer under his obigation to God for the casting of every ballot, and as He knows out innermost thoughts, reliance may be placed in Him to punish those who vote from any but a pure motive.

His remarks about "making ministers Masons free" are so in harmony with our own views on the subject that we quote him in full:

I do not admire the custom or approve the title applied by the usages of this jurisdiction which permits the degrees of Symbolic Masonry to be conferred upon ministers free of charge. It always looks humiliating to a minister and not creditable to a lodge. A minister who is a good man is justly entitled to all the courtesies extended to any other good man, and no more. True Masonry knows no creed except its own, and the idea some lodges have that it is really necessary for the ministers to join them in order to stand well in the community is entirely erroneous. The average minister enjoys more of the luxuries of life than the average member of our lodges, and they should pay the same price and enjoy the same privileges that other members do. When this

is done, ministers will have a higher appreciation of the fraternity and become more active and useful members than they now are.

The committee on jurisprudence did not concur in these views but favored the practice of granting free passes to ministers, and the grand lodge agreed with the committee. Nevertheless, we believe the grand master was right. There should be no class favorites in Masonry and ministers should not be pauperized. They are no better than all Masons ought to be, but are good enough to deserve such compensation for their work as will enable them to hold up their heads among men, and support themselves and families without being subjected to special and humiliating concessions.

From the grand master's decisions we copy three, which we have numbered for convenience in reference:

1. Can a lodge by by-law exempt a member who has paid dues for twenty or twenty-five years from further payment of local lodge dues?

Answer.—No. He can only be excused from paying on account of actual inability to pay.

2. Can a demitted Mason affiliate with a lodge outside of the one within whose jurisdiction he resides?

Answer.—No. Not without a waiver of jurisdiction.

3. Can a lodge ballot on a petition of a profane who removes permanently from its jurisdiction before he has been balloted on?

Answer.—No. His removal makes him ineligible. After he has been elected he would belong to the lodge in which he had been elected, no matter where he moves to.

No. 1 is in accord with Illinois law and usage, and was endorsed by the grand lodge. No. 2 was also approved with some modification to conform to a local law. It is contrary to Illinois law in whole and in part, and is, in our opinion, wrong in practice and subversive of that broad principle of fraternity which should pervade our institution.

The *vicinage* should have the say when the question of fitness and character is to be determined, but when regularly made a brother, he should be free to elect where he prefers to affiliate. Subject always to the right of members to reject, object to or discipline him.

No. 3 was approved by the committee and the grand lodge and ought to be good law everywhere.

From the "suggestions" made by the grand master we are glad to copy the following, only suggesting that he might well have said three degrees instead of first three degrees and degrees with higher numbers in place of higher degrees:

There is a mistaken idea among many people, both Masons and profanes, that a man is not much of a Mason who has only taken the first

three degrees. So widespread is this idea that a seeker for Masonic degrees immediately inquires the cost of the higher degrees. It should be impressed upon the mind of every Entered Apprentice that it is not degrees that make a Mason, and whether a man's Masonic pedigree is three or thirty-three, he will never be much of a Mason until he embodies in his heart and soul the principles of genuine Symbolic Masonry.

From a circular issued by the board of custodians it appears that provision was made for two or three ritualistic schools in each of the twenty-one districts of the state, thus affording convenient and abundant opportunity for acquiring the authorized work of the jurisdiction. In this connection we copy what the grand secretary says in his report, under the head of "Monitors":

We are frequently requested by brethren in and out of the state to furnish them with copy of an Iowa monitor. We beg to inform all that no such monitor has ever been issued to our knowledge. Our custodians speak well of both the Webb and Simons monitor, used quite generally by our lodges, but no action of grand lodge prevents them from using any other they may wish. It might be well to give the subject of an Iowa monitor, book of ceremonies, and forms some consideration.

We are of the opinon that it will be not only an aid but also an incentive to uniformity of *esoteric* work if some standard of *exoteric* work is definitely fixed.

We give place to the following from the grand secretary's report as a matter of general interest and not because we take much stock in written evidence:

The Identification Card has come to stay. A large number of our grand lodges are using the same and find them very satisfactory. It has proven the most effective check to clandestine bodies ever tried. It has done more to secure prompt payment of dues than any other plan heretofore devised. The lodges are pleased with it and demand the cards. We do not approve the plan of asking each lodge to purchase these. The grand lodge should, by all means, furnish enough cards to enable the lodges to issue one to each member when yearly dues are paid, as is done in other jurisdictions.

From statistics given by the grand secretary we learn that New York has 779 lodges with 152,928 members, Texas 764 lodges with 41,736 members, and Illinois 759 lodges with 85,583 members. These figures have been considerably changed since the publication of the reports from which he compiled his data, but no doubt Illinois is second only to New York in membership. There are many other interesting things in the grand secretary's very able and complete report which we would gladly give our readers, but time and space forbid.

From the report of committee on grand master's address we clip the following:

It must have been a very pleasant privilege to have been one of those present when the grand master of Ohio opened an occasional grand lodge

and made the president-elect of the United States a Mason at sight. We are all interested in the story because the occurrence is so rare. We are glad that the ceremony can be pronounced lawful. But we are also glad that the occasional grand lodge is not frequently opened, and that our grand lodge has forbidden the grand master from exercising his prerogative in this particular.

We can heartily join in the joy that comes of knowing that such occasions are rare, and in the wish that they may be rarer. If these are blessings and "blessings brighten as they take their flight," we can console ourselves with the hope that memory will furnish all needed blessings in this line.

From the report of the committee on chartered lodges it appears that the membership in 1909 is 41,504, an increase of 1,571 over the previous year.

A good way to get information is to ask questions and so we copy the following, which piques our curiosity and is a subject upon which we are seeking light:

Bro. F. L. Bills, chairman of the committee on visitors, presented to the grand master and the brethren Bro. Louis Block, most excellent grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, who was received as the presiding officer of a sister grand body with which we are in fraternal relation, and which body is recognized by our code of laws as having sole jurisdiction over all Royal Arch Masons in the state of Iowa.

Bro. Louis Block spoke of the friendly relations which have existed and which he trusted would ever exist between the two respective grand bodies, that the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry over which he had the honor to preside.

He assured the brethren that he appreciated the honor which had been extended and thanked them for the courtesy, and on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, he presented their most cordial greetings and wished the Grand Lodge of Iowa godspeed in the work in which it is engaged.

Some of the queries we want to propound are: Where or how did the Ancient Craft Masons—the Master Masons of Symbolic Masonry of which the Grand Lodge of Iowa is made up—get the information which enabled them to recognize and receive in an official way the presiding officer of a body whose organism and control are completely distinct from Craft Masonry? Why not as well receive the Grand Master of Odd Fellows, the Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias or the Potentate of the Shrine?

In the statutes of the Grand Lodge of Illinois it is written, "No Mason can legally acquire the necessary information to vouch for another by sitting with him in any other body than a lodge of Ancient Craft

Masons." This we believe to be sound doctrine and carried to its logical conclusion, it inevitably leads to the omission of all alleged recognition of or official relations with any so-called higher aggregations.

The report on correspondence (208 pp.) is from the pen of Bro. Louis Block, of Davenport, a new comer at the round table who introduces himself in what he calls a "Prologue," which, though written under circumstances differing "widely" from our own, still contains a number of points not unlike our own case, but hear what he says:

The request of Grand Master Martin that we act as the committee on fraternal correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Iowa came to us with a shock of surprise, and we asked for time in which to collect our senses and give the matter due consideration. The recollection of the past master's degree conferred upon us some years hence was still fresh in our mind. We recalled that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and were possessed of a great fear of snapping off a larger portion than we could masticate. We felt that if we stayed in our old place on the committee on appeals and grievances we would be much less liable to grow long and fuzzy ears. That was a job we felt we knew something about, one that was more suited to our liking, one in which we were far less liable to make miserable mistakes. We felt we had been of some service to the grand lodge in effecting satisfactory settlements of several strenuous "scraps," and would not have found it out of the way to be asked to continue in that work.

But to be called upon to take a seat in the company of the most potent, grave, and reverend seigneurs who grace the round table of Masonic correspondence, and who resent vigorously the intrusion of any new-hatched and untried comrade into their charmed circle—that—that was quite another matter.

Yet, after all, what right had we to refuse? That would be telling the grand master that "he didn't know a horse when he saw one," and would be casting aspersions upon his judgment of men.

Besides, we reflected that if the work that we might bring up from the quarries for inspection did not turn out a perfect ashlar, the grand master would have to share the blame with us. If he persisted in putting a monkey-wrench mechanic at work on the machine, 'twould be his fault if it didn't move gracefully down the road. We felt that if *he* could stand it *we* could.

But the controlling consideration causing us to accept the appointment was our realization of the opportunity it afforded us of venting in print some of our pet ideas. Here was a chance of riding our hobbies hard—a chance that might not come again—one we could not afford to lose.

Wherefore, dearly beloved, we make three shakes at the round table blotter with the fountain pen in our own right hand, crave room in your circle, and permission to "sit in" the game.

We shall need a little more room than that heretofore occupied by "Joe" Morcombe, "Charlie" Clark, or our genial and kindly Father Fellows, especially in view of the fact that some months since an irreverent

and sacriligious brother, viewing our delicate Teutonic proportions, saluted us with the title of "Grand Wide Priest."

In his seven-page notice of the Illinois proceedings of 1908, he compliments the printers on our neatly bound and finely printed record, and regrets the absence of a picture of Grand Master BELL. Just wait till you see the Proceedings of Illinois for 1909, and you will not only hear from, but also see our good BELL, whose shape is as seemly as his tones are clear. It is our custom to print the grand master's picture *after* he has done his work and we can say—"well done."

Brother BLOCK quotes from M.W. Bro. BELL'S address anent the death of R.W. Bro. G. W. BARNARD, whom he calls "one of Illinois most famous Masons."

He gives in full Brother BELL'S reasons for refusing a dispensation to attend church services, and says of them, "We feel that Brother BELL'S decision is right and based upon the most sound and cogent reasoning." He also recommends Brother BELL'S action in the matter of new lodges, and compliments his circular letter on the subject as follows:

Grand Master Bell, it seems, had considerable trouble arising out of a failure on the part of his brethren to appreciate the principles which should control the formation of new lodges within the state; but great good was in our opinion born of this trouble. For it caused the grand master to prepare a circular letter to the craft at large, in which he gave utterance to a most masterly and lucid enunciation of the principles which should guide and control Masons in the formation and establishment of new lodges. We have carefully studied this circular letter and are ready to give it our most hearty and unqualified endorsement. We believe that nothing but positive good and benefit could result to the craft at large if this letter were adopted and made use of by grand masters throughout the world in cases where the question as to the advisability of granting dispensation for a new lodge arises. At any rate, we feel that this letter cannot help but be of great assistance to every grand master, grand high priest, or grand commander who is called upon to consider the question of issuing a dispensation for the formation of a new subordinate body within his grand jurisdiction. The letter is too long to permit of its being inserted here, otherwise we should certainly include it in our report. Perhaps we shall later include the letter in our report as a valuable appendix.

The letter appears in full in a separate appendix to his report.

He speaks in fitting terms of commendation of the oration of Brother BEACH, and gives a liberal extract therefrom.

Of Brother MOULTON'S resolution to recognize the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico he says:

An error appears in Brother Moulton's resolution when he writes that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico has been recognized by Iowa. This is a mistake, for while Iowa has such recognition under consideration, she has as yet not granted it.

However, recognition was granted at the Iowa session under review—upon recommendation of Brother Block, committee on correspondence, after he had written the above quoted report. So Brother Moulton only foretold what materialized later.

Brother Block shows his appreciation of Brother Robbins' work as correspondent, though differing with him in some of his conclusions.

We do not care in this place to take up these various points of difference, though we have elsewhere in this report expressed our opinion of some of them—particularly with reference to the recognition of other bodies, whether called "co-ordinate," "co-operative," or any other name—and which have about as much connection with genuine Ancient Craft Masonry as the man in the moon has with sawing wood. Here's hoping to see you later, Brother Block.

David W. Clements, West Union, grand master; Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, grand secretary.

IRELAND, 1908.

180th Annual. Dublin. December 27.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, called by Brother Robbins "the most reticent of grand lodges," issues a little pamphlet of sixty pages called the "annual report," which contains all the information vouchsafed the fraternity regarding the business transacted the past year. The address of Deputy Grand Master Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., occupies more than half the volume. He mentions the deaths of the Earl of Drogheda, J.G.W.; Sir John Banks, P.J.G.W.; W. Power O'Donoghue, P.G.O.; William M. Battersby, P.S.G.D., which had occurred during the year.

Because of the historical data given we quote what he said in regard to a distinguished member of the grand lodge, Bro. Chetwode Crawley:

I am sorry the grand treasurer is not with us today, because I would have liked in his presence to have told you something of distinguished Masonic bodies, which, apparently with an unanimity that was remarkable, in distant parts of the world, at almost the same time had selected the grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to be the recipient of honorary membership of their bodies. The Grand Lodge of Ohio, which is represented amongst us by our R.W. Bro. Andrew Thompson, the honorary secretary of our Girls' School, is one of, perhaps, the most important Masonic grand lodges in the world. They have 500 lodges and nearly seventy thousand subscribing Masons. That is a jurisdiction

that to our poor small ideas look enormous. Their past grand master, and the chairman of their correspondence committee, our Brother Cunningham, is a Mason who is well known all over the world, and on the 21st October last at the magnificent centenary commemoration of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on Brother Cunningham's nomination, that great body conferred the honorary membership of that grand lodge upon our brother the grand treasurer. And upon that day-week the Canongate Lodge, Kilwinning, No. 2, on the register of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, one of the oldest lodges in the world, also conferred the honorary membership of that lodge upon the grand treasurer. That lodge dates from 1677 and took the foremost part in establishing the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1736, just eleven years after the establishment of our own Grand Lodge of Ireland. It was the mother lodge of St. Clair, the first grand master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and also of the Poet Robert Burns, of whose inauguration as poet laureate in that very lodge in 1787 we have in our board room a celebrated engraving. Last, but not the least, the famous York Lodge No. 236 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, on the 16th November elected our Brother Chetwode Crawley to be an honorary member of their lodge, the lineal descendant of the grand lodge which came into being at York just six months after our own grand lodge, and gave its characteristic name to the Ancient York Masons, whose ritual and usages we perpetuate today. In that lodge they not only perpetuate the traditions, but they also preserve many of the records of the Grand Lodge of All England. Nor was this all, for in the midst of these honorary distinctions on the 9th November, came the formal presentation by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, of London, of the silver medal struck in honour of our grand treasurer under the auspices of that famous literary lodge. This superb medal is of the highest artistic merit, and through the influence of that eminent medallic expert, Bro. Carl Wiebe, of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, was struck at the German imperial mint of that city, and ranks among the most successful efforts of that celebrated establishment.

Under the heading "Character of Candidates," he said:

Now, brethren, there are a few matters which do not belong to any particular place or to any particular lodge, with reference to which I want to say a few words. I told you that in the report from the Province of Meath I learned that great care was being taken in that province as to the character of the persons who were admitted to the order. Now I want to impress upon you all that the duty of each one of us as a Mason is that we should exercise very special care as to the character of the men whom we admit to our fraternity. As a rule, reasonable care is taken, but I am sorry to have to say that one or two cases have come to my knowledge in which it appears to me that the brethren did not take sufficient care as to the character of the persons that they admitted. It was with very considerable surprise, and pain too, that within the last few days I read a letter from a lodge under our jurisdiction, calling attention to the extreme misconduct of a junior member of their lodge. Masons are not saints, any more than other people, but surely you would have thought a lodge ought to have found out what kind and manner of man their junior member was before they admitted him to the lodge. I do implore of you, brethren all, to be very particular as to the character of the people whom you admit.

Under the title "Resignation after Passing the Chair," he said:

Now, brethren, I find that sometimes brethren do a thing which we regard as very objectionable. From time to time men send in their resignation to their lodges immediately after passing the chair. That is a thing that I do not think any Mason ought to do. I see amongst us here today a good many past masters of the order, and I think they intend to remain subscribing members as long as they live, and as long as they are able to attend to the duties of the order. That is what we all ought to do. I do think we ought to do everything that in us lies to discourage members from sending in a resignation as soon as they have the honour conferred on them of passing the chair of a subordinate lodge.

In reference to the safe keeping of lodge funds he wisely observed:

One other matter, brethren, that I think is of supreme importance. Undoubtedly, as a body, Masons are just as good business men as are to be found in any body of men in the outside world. Being a little proud of our Masonic brotherhood, I would be rather inclined to say they were rather better than the average lot that are to be found outside; but there is one thing as a matter of business in which I do not think we are quite up to what we ought to be. Money belonging to Masonic bodies ought to be kept in joint names. I know that the principle has been adopted in many of our Masonic bodies, but in many it has not. There is the habit of appointing a treasurer, and in many cases allowing him to retain the money of the lodge in his own individual possession. Well, now, he may keep it in his own house—it is a mistake for any man to keep much money in his house—he may put it into the bank in his own name, but in a separate account, keeping a No. 2 account. That is better, but it is still not right. He may mix it up with his own money in his own banking account, which is decidedly wrong, because in every case, whether it is in a separate account or whether it is in his own banking account, the experience of the world shows that where men are called away suddenly, and leave behind, as it too often happens, families not well off, the man's bank book is consulted, his bankers are applied to, and it appears that he has got a certain sum to his credit, and immediately the family think there is some ready money available, that there is something they have, and then after a few months, when perhaps some of the money has been spent, affairs have been looked into, and it is found that a substantial sum of the money lying to the individual's credit was money belonging to a Masonic body of which he was the treasurer. Let no brother consent to be a treasurer except the body to which he is treasurer arrange for the opening of a banking account in a second name in addition to his own. If the lodge think it right, let the cheques upon the account be signed by the treasurer alone, do not require him to have to go to the secretary, or whoever may be associated with him, for the purpose of enabling him to draw cheques to meet the ordinary monthly expenditure of his lodge, but have the money in such a position that if the treasurer dies suddenly, it will remain in the name of some other person, and there will be no difficulty or embarrassment about the funds.

He mentioned at some length a bequest of £32,000 to the two Masonic schools from General GRAHAME, an old gentleman, who had been a great lover of the Masonic fraternity, though not himself a member.

These schools now contain two hundred children, all the present buildings will accommodate, and a plan has been adopted of giving small sums—£1 a month is the maximum—to the mothers or other guardians of children who need help but who cannot be admitted to the schools for lack of room.

Eight pages are given up to accounts of Masonic church services, taken verbatim from various daily newspapers—a curious source for reports of Masonic affairs, it seems to us.

There is no report of membership, but from the grand treasurer's abstract we learn that the receipts were £7,243; the expenditures, £3,964; investments, £838; balance in bank, £2,441.

The Duke of Abercorn is grand master; Lord Castledown, grand secretary; Henry E. Flavelle, deputy grand secretary. Office: Freemason's Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin.

KANSAS, 1909.

53rd Annual. Wichita. February 17.

This attractively printed volume presents as a frontispiece an excellent likeness of Henry F. Mason, grand master, and also contains a halftone of W. Bro. Spencer F. Wade, grand tyler, who died February 24, 1908. There is also a page holding the vignettes of nine appointive officers, all looking so pleasant that one is at a loss to know whether to say that it is a handsome page or a group of handsome faces. There were present at grand lodge sixteen grand officers, eleven past grand officers, forty-three grand representatives, including M.W. Bro. Matthew M. Miller, representing Illinois, three hundred and seventy-five representatives of lodges and one hundred and ninety-nine past masters. At the beginning of his address the grand master says:

The past year has been one of continued prosperity to the order throughout this jurisdiction. The net gain in membership during 1908 was 1,604, making the total on December 31, 32,072. Mere increase in numbers is not in itself to be regarded as a test of the welfare or progress of the institution. It is, however, an indication that interest in the order is well maintained. But, judged by any criterion, the history of Masonry in Kansas for the past twelve months is a source of gratification from whatever angle it may be viewed.

He reports that three new lodges were constituted, ten dispensations for the formation of lodges were issued and six corner-stones placed.

On account of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution by which custodians of the work were dispensed with, much additional work in interpreting the official cipher was thrown upon the grand master, who apparently needs the assistance of some specially authorized officials to read what they have all promised shall not be written or printed. In discussing the various methods employed for disseminating the work in different jurisdictions the grand master gives the following statistical items, which we are glad to transcribe:

In twenty-four of these jurisdictions grand lecturers have charge of the work, usually performing it without assistance; they are: Alabama, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Idaho, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin; Massachusetts and Louisiana have each two. In nine cases they are elected by the grand lodge, and in fifteen appointed by the grand master; the term of service being one year, except in a single instance, where it is ten. Some of them are paid a salary by the grand lodge, varying from a merely nominal amount in several states to $1,800 a year, besides expenses, in California; (in New York the grand lecturer receives $2,400 a year and $1,000 for expenses, but is not classified here because he works under a board of custodians); others are paid on a per diem basis by the local lodges; occasionally the methods are combined; still others serve without compensation. Three other states have substantially the same system, although in two of them, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the officer is called an instructor, and in the third, Indiana, an inspector. In Wyoming the work is in charge of the grand master, and in Montana of the grand secretary. In eleven states custodians are maintained, although not always called by that name: Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Tennesee, Texas and Utah. They are generally elected or appointed in rotation for a term of years. Various other methods are in vogue, the work being entrusted in five instances to district deputies, in others to several lecturers, by districts or otherwise, and in one—Illinois—to five grand examiners and 160 grand lecturers.

It will be seen from this statement that the methods in use vary so much as to make it difficult to draw a conclusion as to which has proved in experience the most satisfactory, although it is apparent that what may be called the grand lecturer system has met with much the largest acceptance.

The following decisions were rendered, all of which were approved by the jurisprudence committee and adopted by the grand lodge:

1. The fact that a member against whom charges are preferred is confined in the state penitentiary does not prevent the service of summons upon him or his being tried, convicted and sentenced.

2. The fact that a member has been convicted of a public offense in the state courts does not in and of itself constitute a ground for charges against him, but is such strong evidence of his guilt of the wrongful

act forming the basis of his conviction as ordinarily to be practically conclusive against him.

3. Where a conviction is had upon charges preferred against a member it is not necessary that the sentence be pronounced by the officer who presided at the trial; being but the formal registration of the will of the lodge, it may be announced by the master.

The Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Western Australia were on recommendation of the committee on correspondence officially recognized, and the passing of King Solomon Lodge No. 293, G.R.C. at Jerusalem, Palestine, was noted—this result coming through the cancellation of its warrant by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The able report on correspondence (165 pp.) is the seventh from the pen of Past Grand Master MATTHEW M. MILLER, who devotes seven pages to a review of our meeting of 1908. He notes Grand Master BELL'S reference to the prosperous condition of Masonry in Illinois, and to the Orphans' Home in Chicago, as well as the Masonic Home at Sullivan.

He approves M.W. Bro. BELL'S decision declining to grant dispensations for lodges to attend church services on Sunday, wearing jewels and paraphernalia, and says that he gave "ample and satisfactory reasons for his action."

The introduction of R.W. Bro. FAY HEMPSTEAD, the poet laureate of Masonry, is pleasantly noticed, and the passing of R.W. Bro. GILBERT W. BARNARD is feelingly chronicled. He refers to the oration of R.W. Bro. BEACH as excellent, and compliments its author by making a summary of its trend and a liberal extract. He quotes in full the preamble and resolution offered by M.W. Bro. MOULTON and referred to a special committee, on the recognition of Mexico and makes this a text for a long and rather elaborate argument in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. He regards the fact that many grand lodges have recognized this body, and that the general grand chapter has instituted a chapter composed of Masons belonging to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as strong points in its favor, and alleges that the trend of Masonic opinion among the grand jurisdictions of the world is for its recognition. He says of Brother ROBBINS' report on correspondence that it shows his accustomed versatility and ability.

He refers to Brother ROBBINS' comments on various topics in a way to indicate rather careful reading, and a high regard for his opinions, but reserves to himself the privilege of disagreeing with his conclusions in discussing the question, "What are to be considered essentials in determining a request for recognition of another grand lodge?"

In discussing this question he alludes to "institutions," "mind-readings" and psychological subtleties into which we find ourselves unable to follow him, nor do we understand his reference to "Topeka Dutch." However, without attempting to unravel the intricacies of the debate we may still be permitted to express an opinon in an humble way upon the main point at issue, and that is "what entitles a body claiming to be a grand lodge to Masonic recognition."

The very fact that the question arises is evidence that there are illegitimate as well as regular organizations. To determine which are legitimate there must be some agreed standard or criterion by which to judge them. This standard cannot ante-date the grand lodge system, but must have come into existence when that system, plan or method of organization was inaugurated—there is therefore no call to consider matters previous to the time when the "CHARGES OF A FREEMASON" were agreed upon as the platform, magna charta or bill of rights, setting forth the landmarks, principles and ground work of the institution.

Coincident with, and practically a part of it, a formula was adopted by which the perpetuity of its obligations and restrictions was insured by requiring all masters at their installation to assent to and bind themselves to enforce certain principles and regulations. Among these is the admission that "no new lodge shall be formed without permission of the grand lodge, that no countenance be given to any irregular lodge or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of Freemasonry."

To us it seems entirely clear and plain that this confines the element of legitimacy and regularity to those lodges which have been formed by permission of grand lodges, and that the latter can be formed only from lodges thus authorized. If it is urged that this necessarily restricts recognition to the descendants of that Masonry which existed in the British Isles, at the formation of the grand lodge system, we can only reply, "So mote it be." If it can be shown that there is good Masonry outside these limits, we shall not object though we do maintain, that the matter of *recognition* and *mutual* endorsement grows out of the grand lodge system as above briefly and imperfectly outlined and that there cannot be any recognition of lodges whose title comes from any other body than a regular grand lodge, nor of any grand lodge made up of lodges other than those constituted by legitimate grand lodges. The Masonry of Mexico is confessedly so lacking in this essential quality as to have no claim to recognition.

We do not overlook the quiet little thrust our good brother gives us in mentioning the recognition of Cuba by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

If it can be shown that the Masonry of Cuba does not strictly conform to the standard above set up, we can only reply that possibly a mistake was made, but if such is the fact it does not prove that we must for the sake of consistency keep on in error, but rather shows that in 1898, the sympathy for the political wrongs of Cuba and the enthusiasm aroused by the universal cry of "Remember the Maine," and "Cuba libre" were strong enough to affect even so conservative a body as the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and to induce it to act contrary to the advice of its committee on correspondence.

Fred Washbon, Anthony, grand master; Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, grand secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1908.

108th Annual. Louisville. October 20.

The fly-leaf of the volume bears an illustration of the design adopted for "the authorized past master's jewel in this jurisdiction," which is described as follows:

The past master's jewel shall be of gold—plain, or ornamented with chasings of gems—and consist of a pair of compasses whose points are extended about sixty degrees upon a graduated segment (1-4 part) of a circle (or 90 degrees) between which the effulgent sun is represented.

Its size and hangings are optional—whether the jewel be worn as a watch-charm or a coat-badge—but no addition of any circle or wreath, or other device, are to be made to the foregoing adopted design.

Following this is shown a picture of the Hiram Bassett memorial prize medal awarded to two pupils in the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Kentucky for superior scholarship and deportment. On the opposite page is a panel half-tone of Henry P. Barret, grand master 1907-8.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form on the third degree at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, October 20, 1908.

At the request of the grand master, P.G.M. Chas. H. Fisk explained the causes that made it necessary for the grand lodge to assemble in the Scottish Rite cathedral instead of the auditorium of the Masonic temple. In short that the lessee declined to give possession of the building. This is more fully explained in the reports of the grand master and of the board of trustees, from which it appears that not only a difference of opinion but also a deal of litigation had arisen

about the proper interpretation of the terms of the lease to an amusement company. The grand master was able to report, however, that he thought the troubles were in a fair way of solution and that in his judgment "the Masonic temple as a business proposition had seen its gloomiest days." In this connection we of Illinois, not having a temple, may console ourselves with the old lady's prayer, "Blessed be nothing."

Of the twenty-five past grand masters whose names are listed twenty-one were present, and the representatives of 537 lodges are recorded.

The address of Grand Master Henry P. Barret opens with the following words of reverent gratitude and felicitation:

With hearts abounding in gratitude to "Him who doeth all things well and whose mercies endureth forever," we are once more permitted to assemble in grand communication, and to all of you I extend a most hearty and fraternal welcome to this, the one hundred and eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

The year just finishing, with all of its joys and sorrows, its triumphs and failures, with its commercial depressions and its abundant harvests, marked, I regret to say, by more of hatred, strife and lawlessness within the confines of our otherwise proud old commonwealth than it has known since the dark days of the civil war, has, none the less, been one of the most prosperous years in the history of this grand jurisdiction.

From all quarters comes the almost unvarying report from the lodges of increased membership, enhanced interest in all things Masonic, and that peace and harmony universally prevail. I am also delighted to report to you that nothing has happened to disturb the comity heretofore enjoyed between this grand lodge and its sister grand lodges of the United States.

From the decisions rendered by the grand master we copy the following:

2. Can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues for a number of years, presumably over two, and who is now engaged in running a whisky house, be reinstated in his lodge?

Answer—No.

5. Having been suspended for non-payment of dues over two years, and having since paid his dues in full and petitioned in the regular way, he was by ballot rejected. What is his Masonic standing?

Held: You remain suspended and until you are reinstated by the lodge through the ballot box you will remain suspended for non-payment of dues, notwithstanding the fact that the dues for which you had been previously suspended have since been paid in full.

The committee on jurisprudence to whom his decisions were referred, reported on them as follows, and their report was adopted:

A brother suspended for non-payment of dues for over two years petitioned for reinstatement; the petition was accompanied by the

amount of his dues in arrears, and the petitioner was rejected. The grand master decided that as he was indebted to the lodge for the amount, it should be retained.

The decision is approved, with the suggestion that if the circumstances seemed to justify it, there is no reason why the lodge should not return the amount so paid to the suspended brother.

The grand master is asked whether a Mason who has been suspended for more than two years, and who is now engaged in running a whisky house, can be reinstated. His answer is "No."

The law forbidding the reception into the order of persons engaged in the liquor traffic is of such recent date that very little legislation, if any, has been had upon the contingent questions growing out of it.

We think that you will agree with us that it seemed to be the purpose of the grand lodge to prevent, as far as possible, this class from ever getting into the order, and we believe, from the tenor of the debate upon the floor of the grand lodge, there would have been no uncertainty as to its action.

The grand lodge has seen fit to interpose the ballot between the coming back of a member of a lodge who has been suspended for nonpayment of dues for more than two years, thus practically placing such, in a sense and to a degree, upon the same footing as a profane, and by this action, by analogy, making him ineligible to any of the benefits or privileges of Masonry.

We approve the decision.

As Illinois has no legislation definitely specifying the particular vocations in which a Mason may or may not engage, the complications here dealt with could not arise with us. We may, however, venture the suggestion that in these cases matters would have been simplified and the ends of Masonry have been better and more directly reached, if less attention had been paid to the question of non-payment of dues, or purely pecuniary status and more to the question of immoral and unmasonic conduct.

In the following we are glad to find the committee and the grand lodge fully in accord with the position of Illinois on the question:

In decision No. 4 the grand master holds that it is unlawful to hold a raffle under Masonic auspices, and that it is equally unlawful for a Mason to purchase tickets in such a raffle. This decision is also approved.

Any violation of the laws of God or of the state is a violation of Masonic law. Raffling is gambling; gambling is a violation of the moral law and of the laws of the state.

A large number of decisions by deputy grand masters were reported on by the committee but as they rest largely upon local conditions or lodge by-laws we omit them, though some of them are very interesting.

The grand master reported that several lodges had lost their charters by fire or otherwise and had been authorized by him to continue working until the communication of the grand lodge. In Illinois it has been held that such authorization by the grand master is unnecessary, on the basis that the grand lodge record showing the existence of the right to work and do business is sufficient warrant therefor—till visible proof in the form of a new charter is issued.

Dispensations for twelve new lodges were granted and thirteen lodges were constituted.

Total lodges on the roll, 533. Total membership reported October 1, 1908, 32,770.

The committee on work submitted a report of their labors, and offered the following recommendation:

First—That the work as presented by the committee be adopted and known as the authorized work in Kentucky.

Second—That the committee be continued with instructions to each one to open a school of instruction in his section, as provided in the report of the committee on work, page 85, proceedings of the grand lodge of 1907.

Brother RANSHAW offered the following substitute, which was adopted:

That this grand lodge fully appreciates the arduous task performed by the committee on uniform work, and, recognizing the fact that the time has been too short to perfect the work, it is now ordered that the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions to perfect the work and report at the next communication of the grand lodge.

Brother HOLLAND offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky declines to adhere to or to accept the statement made in the exemplification of the first degree, that the sun "sets" in the west.

We hope the committee will not overlook this in its report, because it is important for the craft to know what the sun does if it does not "set," and where it is when it does it.

The report on correspondence (127 pp.) is by Past Grand Master WILLIAM W. CLARKE, giving a condensed but comprehensive summary of the important transactions of the various grand lodges. That he highly regards the work of the Illinois correspondent is shown by this extract from his report:

We certainly appreciate Brother Robbins' words of commendation. We feel reasonably sure that we are right on any given question when we find that it has his support.

Referring to our commendation of the New York law against clandestinism, he says: "Occasionally we strike something that stumps us, and such is the report under review in his commendation ot the New York departure in invoking legislative action by the state in matters purely Masonic, such as clandestinism in Masonry."

We confess we had not looked at it in that light before. We will have to give the matter a little more thought. Maybe we went off too quick that time.

In conclusion he says:

Even a cursory reading of the proceedings of the grand lodges of the world discovers the fact that Masonry is phenomenally increasing its membership, and, what is yet more gratifying, its morale was never higher.

There is, however, one tendency, plainly observable, to which attention should be called, and against which a voice should be raised. We allude to the disposition, manifest in every jurisdiction, to legislate on every conceivable subject, the result of which is not only the multiplication of unnecessary and, in some instances, as might be expected, the enactment of vicious laws, but the extinction of every vestige of right and privilege of the subordinate lodges, and the centralization of all authority in the grand lodge. If a halt is not called, the time is not distant, we fear, when the sole function of subordinate lodges will be to make Masons.

Virgil P. Smith, Somerset, grand master; Henry B. Grant, Masonic Temple, Louisville, grand secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1909.

97th Annual. New Orleans. February 1.

On the fly-leaf we find a portrait of M.W. Bro. Edwin Marks, who was grand master in 1879 and 1880, and later in the volume are halftones of Littleberry Calhoun Allen, grand master in 1906, and Frederick Cade Marsh, deputy grand master in 1908. The grand lodge was opened by the R.W. senior grand warden, N. B. Null, acting as grand master. The following extract from his address explains why it fell to his lot to perform this function:

Since last we met in annual communication, another year fraught with its possibilities and opportunities, has passed away. At its opening, as your senior grand warden, there was no indication that I would be called upon to administer your affairs for any part of the time, or to preside over this, your ninety-seventh annual session, but the necessity placed upon your grand master, of leaving the state on account of

changed business relations after only five months of active service followed by the speedy and unlooked-for death of our esteemed deputy grand master, forced upon my shoulders the mantle of authority with its consequent responsibilities and I have made an honest endeavor to discharge the duties of the exalted position in such a manner as to merit your approval. It, therefore, becomes my duty, as acting grand master, to greet and welcome you to this grand communication.

There were present in addition to the usual corps of grand officers, six past grand masters, thirty-three envoys from other jurisdictions, including Bro. Charles F. Buck, the ambassador from Illinois, and the representatives of 161 chartered lodges.

In his address Brother Null gives at some length an account of the troubles that arose from the efforts to plant spurious Masonry among the faithful, but here is his story in his own words:

At the outset of the year, the work of the order in the city of New Orleans was disturbed to some small extent by the attempted introduction of Cerneauism into the state, but the grand master, by prompt action predicated upon previous legislation by your M.W. body in the year 1890, handled the proposition with little difficulty or friction, and it is safe to say that the peace and harmony of our different subordinate bodies will never again be threatened by its reappearance. I take pleasure in making a part of this report as an appendix, the circulars and papers in connection, and hope that you will give them due consideration and weight and approve the acts of your official head.

It is proper to report in this connection that the person—a Master Mason, I am informed, in good standing in a lodge under the jurisdiction of a grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in fraternal communication—whose name appears in these circulars, has taken personal exception to them on the ground that they contain references to him as a man which he considered "libellous and defamatory," and he has, on that theory, instituted a suit for damages in the modest sum of fifty thousand dollars, against this M.W. grand lodge, in the civil district court for the parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana.

It is not my province to express an opinion in this regard. The case, of course, has to be defended, but I am advised that it need not be taken seriously.

The grand master's acts are not the acts of the grand lodge until in terms approved by it.

The grand lodge is not concerned with the particular verbiage or expression which the grand master employed in his communications to the Masons of this jurisdiction.

His object manifestly was to inform the craft of this state that a body calling itself Masonic was endeavoring to establish itself in *this* jurisdiction; that that body had been declared by this grand lodge to be "spurious and clandestine," and that, therefore, any association with it by Master Masons under allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, would be deemed to be Masonic intercourse with a Mason or a body of Masons, in *this* jurisdiction, declared "clandestine," which would necessarily involve the penalty of expulsion from our lodges.

Obviously, it was therefore, not only the grand master's right, but his duty, to warn the craft under his jurisdiction.

In considering, therefore, the action of the grand master in the premises, the grand lodge should limit itself to the expression of approval or disapproval to this scope and intent, without reference to any foreign or personal comment not a part of the declaration of the law of this grand jurisdiction on the subject.

As above-stated, in my humble opinion, the grand master has correctly stated the law and attitude of this grand lodge as to the body or bodies which the person in question claimed to represent, and, to that extent, his action should be approved.

After the publication of these circulars, a number of Master Masons —about twelve—members of city lodges, admitted, in response to the edict, in that regard, that they had had Masonic communication with the party. The extent of it was not ascertained; but, in open lodge, the brethren declared their withdrawal and recantation. The grand master, according to his edicts, permitted the explanation to be accepted, condoned the offense, and so the "incident" was closed.

The committee on jurisprudence to whom this part of his address was referred, reported thereon as follows:

Your committee on Masonic law and jurisprudence, beg to submit this report on that part of the acting grand master's address, reporting the action of M.W. Grand Master J. C. Drew, in regard to the attempt of one M. W. Bayliss, to organize Scottish Rite bodies in this state, under an alleged Supreme Council of the United States of America, etc., as follows:

Your committee is of the opinion that the recommendation of the acting grand master on the action of M.W. Grand Master J. C. Drew, in so far as his circulars of March 14, 24, and April 23, state correctly the law of this jurisdiction in regard to the bodies, which the committee is informed said M. W. Bayliss intended and attempted to establish in this state, as well as to the penalty, necessarily falling on any Master Mason who owes allegiance to this grand lodge, as a consequence of accepting such alleged degrees, or joining such bodies, should be approved.

Your committee take cognizance of the fact that in his petition, filed in the civil district court, for the parish of Orleans, suing this grand lodge for damages, said M. W. Bayliss declares that he was "trying to establish in this city and state (New Oreans, La.), certain 'Scottish Rite bodies' of which he (said Bayliss) is the head," which fact, further proved by the action of a number of B.B., who confessed and recanted, show that the necessity existed for the warning, which was sent out to the brethren of the jurisdiction.

Since some time in 1858, when dissension in Scottish Rite ranks in this state were terminated by union of various Scottish Rite bodies, accepting a renewed charter, as the Grand Consistory of the Thirty-second Degree of the A. and A. Scottish Rite from the Supreme Council of said Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, this M.W. grand lodge has recognized said grand consistory and its subordinate bodies and the said Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction as the lawful gov-

erning bodies of the Rite, in this state, and therefore, logically, every other body is as to this jurisdiction clandestine.

In 1885, this grand lodge approved the following from the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, M.W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman:

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has long since declared what is Masonry, and what are Masonic bodies. Of course, all or any body not recognized by her as true and legitimate is not Masonic; and if claimed by the peddlers of such wares as Masonic, must stand stamped as spurious, irregular and clandestine. So, brothers in Louisiana, beware! Touch not the unclean things, not recognized by the grand lodge as Masonic. Have nothing to do with them, for the consequence must necessarily be expulsion." (Foreign Correspondence 1885, page 111.)

And in the same year, this grand lodge adopted the following resolution: (Proceedings of 1885, page 224.)

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has exercised the right and claims that it is her duty, as well as that of every other grand lodge, as the foundation and basis of all Freemasonry, to ascertain and declare what institution or bodies claiming to be Masonic or calling themselves Masonic, are really Masonry and if of the true body of Masonry, or fraudulent, spurious or clandestine, and to warn the craft of Louisiana against such as are not legitimate and true, even by prohibitive edicts, if necessary."

In the "Circular" communication of April 23, 1908, the M.W. grand master recites at length the action of this grand lodge in 1890, on the subject of Cerneau-Masonry, wherein it is distinctly declared that it has ever been held "illegitimate" and not to be recognized by this grand lodge as "regular Masonry."

This committee approves the prompt action taken by the grand master to ascertain the extent to which said M. W. Bayliss may have succeeded in obtaining followers, or adherents to him, or his bodies by directing the worshipful masters of lodges to summon the membership for that purpose.

We approve of the conclusion (or fact) with which he warned the craft of the consequences of joining the Bayliss bodies, which must necessarily impose the penalty of expulsion.

In this he only carried out the law and will of the fraternity of this jurisdiction as expressed in the resolutions of 1885, above quoted.

We approve of the opportunity he afforded the B.B., who unfortunately had violated our laws, to allow the offense to be condoned by voluntary confession and renunciation of allegiance to the illegal body.

And we recommend that this M.W. grand lodge approve this report and the action of grand master in the premises, in so far as said circulars state the law of the case; the clandestine character of the bodies claimed to be represented by said M. W. Bayliss, and the warnings given out and conditions imposed on those who had "Masonic intercourse," with him, in regard to the unlawful intent to establish "bodies" in this jurisdiction.

We are informed by the petition in the suit for damages above referred to, that Mr. Bayliss claims that the grand master wrongfully libelled him in using the terms, bogus, spurious, irregular and clandestine, and referring to him as a "peddler of degrees" and as an "interloper." The question whether these things constitute libel in law under all the attendant circumstances is, therefore, to be determined by the law of the land, and it would be indelicate and out of place for this committee, or for this grand lodge to express an opinion on that subject.

It is proper to say, however, that while this grand lodge accepts responsibility for the acts of the grand master in designating the bodies, which Mr. Bayliss represented and endeavored to establish here as illegitimate, irregular and clandestine, it should decline to approve or accept responsibility for anything distinctly personal; it should declare that it limits its approval as in the recommendations, above set forth, to the statement of the law of this jurisdicion and the consequence of its violations, and expressly disclaims any intention thereby to bring into the issue so made the personal character or reputation of Mr. Bayliss, or any other person, connected with this matter, and therefore, this committee recommends that this grand body, while approving the official declaration of the grand master of the law of this jurisdiction, does not approve or accept, as an act, for which it is legally or morally responsible, irrelevant or personal, matter, if any, contained in the grand master's publications and affirmatively disclaims any intention to reflect on the personal and moral character of Mr. W. M. Bayliss.

Your committee having thus fully and in detail discussed the conditions and expressed its opinions with recommendations, does not deem any other specific action necessary and therefore submits this report with the request that it be approved with the recommendations and so adopted by this grand lodge.

The record says that:

On motion, duly adopted, the report of the committee was received, the action of the grand master, as covered by the committee, fully endorsed.

And thus we find the whole matter left in "a delightful condition of uncertainty" until a decision has been reached by the courts, or until (as we think more probable) the suit has been withdrawn and all is left in *status quo*. Our brethren of Louisiana are in a state of turmoil and unhappiness in which they have our sympathy, but which in our opinion they brought upon themselves by going outside their legitimate domain "to look for trouble." In our review of Arkansas (*ante*) the opinion is expressed that any legislation in regard to any of the so-called higher bodies is out of place in a grand lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and that it will be conducive to harmony to permit no reference to the never ending quarrels of the different branches of the Scottish Rite in grand lodge, save such reference and discussion as may be necessary to defend the sovereignty of Ancient Craft Masonry when it is assailed.

If any justification for that opinion is needed, it is abundantly furnished in the above extracts, which also thrust upon us a sufficient excuse for some further comments on the subject, although we cannot expect that our contribution will be more than the glow worm's spark as compared to the calcium lights that our predecessor and others have thrown upon it. We commend to our Louisiana brethren and others who may be involved in similar trouble the philosophy of the boy, who when asked what denomination his father belonged to replied, "Mam' and I 'aint borrowin' much trouble about dad. As long as he brings his wages home and stays in nights, we don't care whether he is a Presbyterian or a cabinet maker."

Masonry investigates a man's character before initiation and looks after his conduct afterwards always from the individual standpoint, and in the ultimate analysis the decision in every case is rendered by the ballots of the brethren as individuals, and not by the collective ukase of a body legislating for a class. In Illinois we do not attempt to prescribe by legislation the vocation which a man may or may not pursue nor the society he may join so long as he behaves himself properly and "hoes corn."

In all the two score and more years that the writer has been a member of lodge, chapter, council, commandery and consistory he has never learned how one of these bodies could legislate for another, but has been educated to believe that each was sufficient unto itself in its own domain. The fact that membership in one may be a prerequisite to membership in another is purely an individual qualification just as physical completeness or moral character is, and out of this requirement no greater license to control matters follows in one case than in the other. A law that confined the benefit of Masonry to red-headed men, would not make every man with auburn locks a Mason, nor give him pre-eminence in Masonry's ranks.

A little careful thinking along these lines would do much to clear up the muddle that exists in the minds of many young and ambitious Masons (especially the newly made thirty-two-ster) about the rights, privileges and dominating influence of the high numbered degrees.

Turn the tree the other end up and remember that the branches are descendants and not parents. Ancient Craft Masonry, the Symbolic Masonry of the three degrees, is the monarch and king we honor.

But the consideration of this interesting topic has led us so far afield that we had almost forgotten that we were writing a review of Louisiana, and we must return to our muttons.

The committee on work submitted the following report:

Your committee on work respectfully beg leave to submit that at the session of the M.W. grand lodge of 1905, the following resolution was adopted by the grand lodge:

Resolved, That every Master Mason at the first stated meeting of the lodge in which he is raised, thirty days after being raised, shall be examined in open lodge as to his proficiency in the Master's degree, as in the preceding degrees, and this examination shall be repeated from meeting to meeting until he shall have been found proficient in the lecture. And he shall be bound to attend such examination.

Your committee on work regretfully beg leave to say that many of the lodges are not carrying out the above resolution, and candidates after being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason are not required to stand the examination in open lodge and prove their proficiency. The committee on work recommend that the above resolution be either canceled and made null and void, or the grand master be instructed to take such measures as is necessary or expedient to put in force the resolution above quoted.

Your committee on work respectfully beg leave to report that officers of the lodges are not accepting the esoteric work of this grand lodge. They do not attend the schools of instruction of the grand lecturers nor attempt to qualify themselves for their respective positions. As uniformity of work is demanded by this grand jurisdiction, and as its esoteric work is beautiful in its very simplicity and completeness, and most thoroughly promulgated by its very efficient grand lecturers, your committee on work recommend that from and after this date no worshipful master or warden be installed to office until he has submitted to an examination and proven his ability to open a lodge and confer the three degrees correctly.

Upon the first part of this report the action of the grand lodge was to adopt the following resolution:

That every Master Mason made after the date of its adoption, be compelled to submit to an examination before the lodge, within thirty days after the degree was conferred, this examination to be as complete in its scope as that for the E.A. and F.C. degrees, and to the satisfaction of the lodge.

The recommendation that masters and wardens submit to an examination before being installed went to the committee on jurisprudence, from whom no report is given on the subject. They probably want time to consider the matter, and we could wish that the grand lodge had been a little slow in adopting the requirement that compels a Master Mason to qualify in the work. We are a firm believer in the ritual and think that every Mason worthy of the name should be "well posted," but we believe that after a brother becomes a Master Mason he should choose for himself whether he will qualify himself to rank as a bright and shining light or remain a drone. Let it be a matter of persuasion and ambition, rather than of compulsion and penalization.

The ritual is a means (and often or always the best means) to an end, but it is not the only means. Nor is a knowledge of the work the only or even the chief qualification for the master's chair.

A resolution looking to the celebration of the centennial of the grand lodge in 1912 was referred to the committee on state of the order, upon whose recommendation consideration of the subject was postponed till the annual meeting of 1910.

From the address of R.W. Bro. C. C. KRAMER, grand orator, we quote the following:

There can never be any conflict between Masonry and religion. They are sisters of a divine consanguinity. As I have been endeavoring to trace the development of Masonic truth, so it shall not be my purpose to evolve religious thought in man from its humblest origin. Much of this evolutionary process of Masonry and religion is the same and often we find them inter-explanatory. Man's religious faith is born of man's human necessities. When man makes his first discovery of himself, it is a self of imperfections and limitations. The boundary of the finite touches the infinite. Though man cannot "find out the Almighty unto perfection," yet, the wider the expanse of human knowledge and the greater the variety of human experience, the more intelligent will be man's faith in God.

The report on correspondence (126 pp.) is another of those able contributions from the hand of that skilled and experienced workman, Bro. HERMAN C. DUNCAN.

He gives five of his well-written pages to Illinois and devotes them in large measure to a discussion of points in which he heartily concurs or as frankly disagrees with Brother ROBBINS.

He shows a careful reading and earnest consideration of Brother ROBBINS' positions and arguments, and we think is progressing towards a fuller agreement therewith. We marked several points for attention, but we have already reprinted so much from the Louisiana report that we cannot give the space. We believe that with Brother DUNCAN'S evident desire to be fair and to concede that he may be in error, he will after further study of the facts presented by Brother ROBBINS conclude that he can agree with him, particularly in the matter of withholding recognition from alleged grand bodies that cannot show legitimate descent from the Masonry of the British Isles.

L. E. THOMAS, Shreveport, grand master; RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, grand secretary.

MAINE, 1909.

90TH ANNUAL. PORTLAND. MAY 4.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. EDMUND B. MALLET, grand master, and a full corps of grand lodge officers, with prayer by Rev. Bro. WM. H. FULTZ, grand chaplain.

There were in attendance 249 delegates representing 189 of the 201 lodges, ten of the twelve past grand masters, twenty-two of the twenty-five district deputy grand masters, a long list of permanent members and fifty representatives of other grand jurisdictions, Bro. WILLIAM R. G. ESTES answering for Illinois.

After the announcement of various standing committees the grand master delivered his address, from which we extract the following:

Brethren, with a heart full of reverence for our beloved order, with a full acknowledgment of the honor you so graciously invested me with one year ago, I now fraternally and cordially welcome you to this the ninetieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

I am pleased to say that the year last past has been one of peace and harmony; peace has been triumphant and harmony has prevailed throughout this grand jurisdiction.

Our relations with other grand jurisdictions have remained most friendly and fraternal, and I am glad to report that throughout this land, peace and harmony prevail, and the earnest desire of all is that this condition may remain so, to the end that Masonry may fulfill its highest mission.

The year last past has been a prosperous one, not so much as some that have preceded it, but the membership of this grand jurisdiction is at present, 27,864, a gain of 508, and while we have not gained greatly, let us hope that the high standard has been maintained. I think you will agree with me when I say that too much care cannot be exercised in the material we receive into the order.

He reported granting dispensations to twenty-five lodges to attend divine service in commemoration of St. John's day and to one lodge to attend church service on another day, from which it would appear that the church-going habit is measurably a matter of times and seasons in Maine. On the subject of dispensations for another purpose the grand master has this to say:

I have not granted dispensations to enable lodges to receive application for degrees in less time than that provided for by our constitution. I have carefully considered each case and was fully convinced that in denying the petition I had complied with what I thought would meet with your approval. I am satisfied that candidates for the degrees of Masonry have ample time to apply and that there is no need of ask-

ing for a dispensation. While the grand master is clothed with great power, he should use that power only in cases of most urgent need.

Which reminds us that grand masters do not always reach the same conclusion from similar premises. Of the celebration in Boston he reports as follows:

October 3d, 4th and 5th, I was in attendance at Boston, Mass., upon the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge, the oldest lodge in America, and instituted in the year 1733. The officers and brethren of St. John's Lodge are to be congratulated upon their efforts to make this occasion one long to be remembered by the visiting grand masters, representing the original thirteen states, with the exception of Georgia, whose grand master was detained at home. The grand master of Nova Scotia was in attendance. From the moment your grand master arrived in Boston until the last good-bye had been spoken, his stay was made pleasant. The program for each day's exercises was most appropriate. Time and space will not permit me to enumerate the attentions shown the visiting grand masters and their ladies. If the pleasure of the brethren of St. John's Lodge is to be measured by the pleasure given their visitors, then the cup of pleasure of St. John's Lodge must be overflowing.

We are pleased to note that we have here an example of a grand master who encourages rather than deprecates the habit of asking questions. Here is what he says on the subject:

Many questions have been asked and answers returned. All of these could have been answered by reference to our constitution and Masonic Text Book, or reference to decisions made by former grand masters. The questions sent to me have all been answered over and over again, and I have answered every one. I do not consider it necessary to take up the time of the grand lodge by presenting them here. I have made no decision the past year, as no question would be deemed worthy of being called a decision that would necessitate your passing upon.

I believe that the brethren in asking the questions were influenced by the desire to be sure of their position before acting hastily, and I may add that if all brethren, when controversies arise, would ascertain beyond doubt the true course to pursue, much trouble would be saved. I commend them for their anxiety to be right, and assure them that it was a pleasure to answer their questions.

From the report of the committee on returns we learn that the total membership is 27,864, an increase of 508 during the year. During the afternoon of the second day of the session the work of the third degree was exemplified before the grand lodge, under the supervision of the grand lecturer, by the officers of Deering Lodge.

There was an adverse report from a committee who had considered the proposition to grant dimits to Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts and their report was adopted.

Sixty-five pages of the proceedings are occupied by the reports of the twenty-five district deputy grand masters, whose reports indicate a harmonious and prosperous condition of the craft.

The report on correspondence (110 pp.) is from the pen of Bro. Albro E. Chase, who makes a condensed but interesting summary of grand lodge affairs, giving three pages to Illinois.

After a brief extract from the introduction of Grand Master Bell's address he gives the substance of his decision regarding lodge trustees, the re-instatement of suspended Masons, the use of lodge funds, and church attendance in lodge capacity. He refers to the oration of Brother Beach as "learned and interesting" and prints a liberal quotation therefrom. He says of the report of Brother Robbins that its three hundred and fifty pages are good reading and give great information.

He quotes from Brother Robbins' report what he said under Arkansas on the subject of the proposed peace congress, and also under Delaware his discussion of documentary evidence. He closes his reference to Brother Robbins' report in these words:

We commend our readers to the report of Brother Robbins, as it contains meat enough to last one almost a lifetime.

Edmund B. Mallett, Portland, re-elected grand master; Stephen Berry, Portland, re-elected grand secretary.

MANITOBA, 1909.

34th Annual. Winnipeg. June 9

At this meeting twenty-five grand officers, eleven past grand masters, two past deputy grand masters, thirty-two past grand wardens and district deputy grand masters, forty-six representatives of other grand lodges (including M.W. Bro. John Leslie, envoy for Illinois), one hundred and seventeen past masters, and the representatives of fifty lodges were present.

We regret to notice that each brother mentioned is tagged with the number of his lodge, and are of the opinon that after a Mason has reached the distinction of grand master that it should no longer be necessary to speak of him as "M.W. Bro. John Jones (23)."

The grand master, Henry J. Pugh, read his address, in which, after an eloquent exordium, he mentioned at some length the death of M.W. Bro. Thomas Robinson, who was grand master in 1897.

In reference to dispensations he said:

A number of special dispensations were granted by me during the year, a list of which will be duly presented for your information in the grand secretary's report. One only I felt obliged to refuse—a request to

be permitted to wear regalia at a Masonic ball. I think it unnecessary to enter into an explanation of the reasons prompting me to this decision, for they are shared by most, if not all, who have given the matter careful consideration. My worthy predecessors in the Grand East, for years back, have taken a like stand, and M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell, in his address to grand lodge in 1896, intimated that it should, by resolution, distinctly define its will in regard to this matter. This appeared to him desirable because of the number of applications constantly being made for this privilege, when it was urged that in other grand jurisdictions it was a common practice to issue dispensations for the wearing of regalia at balls and dancing parties.

I am also of his opinion that a pronouncement by grand lodge, in the form of a resolution, would be the most satisfactory way of disposing of a question that is bound to recur yearly, and on which successive grand masters in this jurisdiction have consistently followed the same policy, by refusing permission to wear regalia at social functions of the nature mentioned.

In marked contrast to the statements of other grand masters he said in regard to decisions and discipline:

The absence of requests for decisions on points of Masonic law and practice would seem to indicate that the brethren generally are applying themselves to the study of such questions, and settling by research what was formerly submitted to the grand master. Another possible explanation is that in almost every lodge now there exists a coterie of earnest students, leaders in thought and activity, skilled in the noble art, and possessing an intimate knowledge of constitution and precedent, which renders them competent to interpret the law and settle for themselves vexed questions of form and procedure. Certainly my term has been singularly free in this respect, for with the exception of a few minor questions easily answered by reference to definite provisions contained in certain sections of the constitution, I have not been called upon for any ruling involving the solution of intricate problems. Happily also has been the total lack of cases rendering necessary disciplinary measures, for not one single instance has occurred in the past year, and I consider this a matter for sincere rejoicement by the brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

He complimented the district deputy grand masters in the following words:

It is undoubtedly a fact, and acknowledged by all, that much of the success, prosperity and growth of the order throughout the jurisdiction, are due to the active zeal and unselfish labors of the brethren holding the positions of district deputy grand masters. They are called upon to give freely of their time and means in the performance of the duties of their offices, and cheerfully and conscientiously have they administered their high trusts, and justified the confidence reposed in them. As far as I have been able to learn this is true of all these brethren, and certainly reflects credit on those responsible for the selection of the names at last grand lodge, for these high positions in the several Masonic districts. The reports that will be presented for your consideration in the course of the evening will serve to evince the great amount of energy

and time that have been expended in visitations and other duties by these office-bearers, and which were necessary to successfully accomplish the mission for which they were elected.

The district deputy grand masters are deserving of the commendation and thanks of this grand lodge, and I am sure all members feel deeply grateful to these brethren for the services rendered, and the sacrifices made by them for the good of the cause.

He closed his address with the following quotation from Tom Moore, which, though written many years ago, never grows old:

> Let fate do her worst; there are relics of joy,
> Bright dreams of the past which she cannot destroy;
> Which come in the night time of sorrow and care
> And bring back the features that joy used to wear,
> Long, long, be my heart with such memories filled!
> Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled,
> You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
> But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

During the year three lodges were constituted and five instituted, indicating a continuous, though not rapid, growth in the jurisdiction.

Telegrams were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, then in annual session.

A handsome chain collar was presented Past Grand Master James Scroggie, and a similar present was made Past Grand Master S. P. Matheson, to replace one recently destroyed by fire.

Grand Treasurer T. Harry Webb reported $5,355 in the charity fund and $17,850 in the investment account. In the current account the receipts and balance amounted to $7,191; the expenditures were $5,709; and the balance $1,482.

Grand Secretary James A. Ovas reported the net increase in membership as 306, and the total membership 4,554.

In the report of the grand librarian is mentioned the receipt of a bound copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois from R.W. Bro. Isaac Cutter, grand secretary.

The committee on jurisprudence and the committee on grievances and appeals had an exceedingly easy time, as no business of any description came before them at this session.

In the report of the committee on fraternal dead appears the name of Loyal L. Munn, past grand secretary of Illinois, who died November 23, 1908.

At the afternoon session of the second day the representatives of sister grand lodges were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. grand master, and fraternal greetings exchanged.

The committee on uniform work presented the following report, which, on motion, was received:

First—That your committee have conferred with a large number of the members of long standing, in this grand lodge and of the lodges working either of the two systems of work, now authorized to be used in this jurisdiction.

Second—That after full consideration we recommend that hereafter the Canadian work be the authorized work of this grand lodge, always providing, that all lodges now working the York work be confirmed in the perpetual use of the same.

Third—That if this report be accepted by grand lodge, then before it shall become final law, it shall be confirmed at the next annual communication of grand lodge.

Fourth—That provision shall also be made, that under any exceptional circumstances arising, the M.W. the grand master, on the recommendation of the board of general purposes, may grant any new lodge the authority to use the York work.

Of course, as the boy said, "it's none of our funeral," but as HORACE GREELEY once remarked in regard to the resumption of specie payments after the close of our civil war, "the way to resume, is to resume," and the way to have uniform work in a Masonic grand jurisdiction is for the grand lodge to adopt a standard work and insist on its constituent lodges using it. Just so long as lodges are permitted to use anything but the authorized ritual there will be a lack of uniformity, a condition that our northern brethren are evidently desirous of avoiding.

There is no report on correspondence.

JAMES D. BAINE, of Boissevain, was elected grand master; JAMES A. OVAS, of Winnipeg, was re-elected grand secretary.

MARYLAND, 1908.

122ND ANNUAL. BALTIMORE. NOVEMBER 17.

The record of the 143rd semi-annual communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was held in I.O.O.F. temple, on Tuesday, May 12, 1908, is illustrated by cuts showing the ruins of the Masonic temple destroyed by fire January 17, 1908, and of the buildings occupied by the lodges till the completion of the new temple.

Following the usual Maryland custom the grand lodge was opened in *due* form by Deputy Grand Master JAMES R. BREWER, who ordered

the grand marshal and his staff to proceed to the apartments of the grand master, M.W. Bro. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, and escort him to the grand lodge room. His entrance was duly proclaimed, the grand honors were accorded, the gavel duly tendered and the East assumed with becoming dignity. The "pomp and circumstance" having thus been properly observed, the grand lodge was ready for business. We are not yet old enough to feel competent to criticise any custom established by such a dignified, reverend and august body as the Grand Lodge of Maryland, but we are just at the age when we are anxious to learn, and this prompts us to inquire why, in view of the fact that the grand lodge was closed in *ample* form (and of course by the grand master in person), it could not with equal propriety have been opened in *ample* form. What is there in the form at one end of the line that does not apply with equal force at the other end? We do not overlook the fact that the grand master is present in one case and does the job *amply*, while in the other case it is done *duly* by a lesser light, but what we want to know is, why should not the two ends of the job jibe?

We extract the following from the address of Grand Master SHRYOCK:

I can assure you that it is with pleasure that I greet you at this semi-annual communication of the grand lodge, but regret that we are denied the pleasure of meeting in our own home, which, unfortunately, again was destroyed by fire on January 17.

We are extremely fortunate in being able, by the kindness and display of fraternity on the part of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to meet in this most comfortable hall.

The destruction of the temple by fire for the second time during my grand mastership is indeed a great calamity; but, fortunately, we were fully insured, and the loss to the fraternity will be only in the discomfort of not having our own home for the meetings of our lodges in the city of Baltimore and for the grand lodge during the period of rebuilding.

Whilst the destruction of the temple by fire and by water is practically complete; yet, owing to the splendid service of our fire department and the salvage corps, much of our furniture and all our records were saved, but the building was so thoroughly damaged by water, that the board of managers very wisely decided to erect it entirely new, with the exception of the walls and the front; and, in order to take care of the future, will add another story. This will result in the enlargement of all our lodge rooms and in addition, give us a number of committee rooms and one additional large lodge room; so that when the building is completed, it will be ample for the growth of the fraternity for the next twenty-five years.

In addition to enlarging the temple, it will this time be erected as nearly fireproof as it is possible to make a building. The whole interior will be of steel and marble. The architects have practically eliminated all wood construction, so there will be nothing in the building to burn,

with the exception of the furniture, and the possibility of a fire in the future will be reduced to a minimum.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the board of control to select plans, execute contracts and superintend the rebuilding, repairing and restoring the burned temple—they being required to submit full reports to a special auditing committee appointed by the grand master, who in turn must report to the grand lodge, thus keeping the whole subject within the control of the grand master and the grand lodge.

The board of control was authorized to make a loan of $150,000 to carry out these purposes.

Memorial windows were provided for in honor of Past Grand Secretary JACOB H. MEDAIRY, and Past Grand Treasurer WILLIAM HENRY SHRYOCK.

At the 122nd annual communication, which was also held in the I.O.O.F. temple, on November 17, 1908, Deputy Grand Master JAMES R. BREWER presided during the opening ceremonies and until Grand Master SHRYOCK had been officially received and seated.

The M.W. grand master made an address in which he detailed the work that had been done on the temple in Charles street, and what was intended to be done in completing it.

The grand secretary made a report showing the receipt and disbursement of $20,997.61 on general account. The board of managers reported the expenditure of $60,467.20 on account of reconstruction of the temple, with a balance on hand of $139,226.13.

On recommendation of the committee on correspondence the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was recognized and given a cordial welcome into the fraternal circle of grand lodges.

On motion of Past Grand Master CARTER the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the earnest, sincere and grateful acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Maryland are tendered the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Maryland for its generous proffer of its grand lodge room for our annual meeting when our own home was destroyed by fire.

Also that the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. of Maryland are respectfully proffered to the ladies of the Queen Esther Rebecca Degree Lodge, I.O.O.F., for their elegant hospitality in entertaining the craft at its annual convention.

To show the method of conducting grand lodge elections in Maryland we copy from the record:

The hour for the election of grand officers having arrived Past Grand Master Carter was called to the chair.

The requirements of the constitution in reference to the government of elections were then announced.

Concordia Lodge No. 13 through Bro. George Cook placed in nomination for the office of grand master, M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, P.G.M.

There being no other nominations Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, in accordance with the constitutional provision governing the matter, was declared elected.

Brother Carter surrendered the gavel to the grand master and he resumed his station and thanked the brethren for this 24th annual election.

There was an emergent communication of the grand lodge held at Mount Washington, December 19, 1908, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Mt. Washington public school. The grand lodge was opened *in form* by R.W. Bro. CHARLES C. HOMER, Jr., senior grand warden, who was specially deputized to preside.

The report on correspondence (131 pp.) is the 22nd annual review from the pen of EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, past senior grand warden.

In the four pages which he gives to Illinois he reviews our proceedings at the session of 1907. He quotes from the opening portion of Grand Master ALLEN'S address, giving statistics of our growth and what he says regarding the propensity to ask unnecessary questions, and adds:

Unlike many grand masters, he had no suggestions, or recommendations, looking to the enactment of new regulations, for which, we think, he is to be heartily commended.

He makes several quotations from Brother ROBBINS' review of their proceedings and is generally in accord with his views. He differs with him, however, on his strictures of their regulation by which lodges delinquent for dues are deprived of representation in grand lodge. On this head he says:

"Self-preservation is the first law of nature." It requires money to conduct the affairs of a grand lodge, which is ordinarily only obtainable by the dues and assessments from the lodges. If one lodge is permitted to be derelict in its payment, others may claim the same privilege, and it might be that the grand lodge would be seriously embarrassed thereby. It seems therefore to us that some punishment, or denial of privilege, must be inflicted upon a lodge delinquent in payment of its dues.

The full text of our regulation on this subject is as follows:

"The representatives of each lodge represented have, collectively, one vote, and the past masters of each lodge have, collectively, one vote. No lodge shall be entitled to a vote, either by its representatives or past masters, unless its dues to the grand lodge are fully paid or remitted."

The rights and privileges of the members of the lodge are in no wise affected, nor are the representatives or past masters denied a seat or

voice in grand lodge, nor, as we understand it, prevented from voting on *viva voce* questions; but that the representatives and past masters (the latter being under our constitution generously accorded equal rights with the representatives) are prohibited from voting upon questions etc., to be decided by a call of lodges. We should much like Bro. Robbins as well as other correspondents to inform us what is the procedure in their respective jurisdictions when a lodge fails to pay its dues and assessments.

On the subject of a separate ballot for each degree Brother Robbins said that on inquiry he had found that in the original grand lodge, from its formation down to the present, there had been no deviation from the practice of one ballot for all the degrees. To this Bro. Schultz replies:

Nothing that Brother Robbins has said upon this subject has shaken our faith in the declaration we have made, that prior to about the year 1860, it was the universal rule and practice in all English-speaking grand lodges to require a separate ballot on each degree. The only way to settle this question is by a thorough examination of the regulations of grand lodges and the records of lodges; and if after such an examination it can be ascertained that any considerable number of jurisdictions did not require a separate ballot on each degree, then and then only will we modify our *declaration.*

When doctors disagree, especially upon a diagnosis involving historical facts, it is difficult for laymen to decide.

Whatever may be true of the past, we can see no serious defect in the argument that one ballot should entitle a candidate to all there is in Ancient Craft Masonry, unless it can be shown after he has obtained a part that a mistake was made and that he should be excluded from the enjoyment of that part. What's the matter in this connection of the doctrine of "the whole or none?"

In answer to the question as to treatment of lodges, delinquent in the payment of grand lodge dues, we quote the following from the Illinois law on the subject: "A representative of a constituent lodge is not entitled to mileage and per diem unless all grand lodge dues are fully paid." With us, this law brings the answer (and the *cash*) all right.

Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, grand master; William M. Isaac, Baltimore, grand secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1908.

175TH ANNUAL. BOSTON. DECEMBER 29.

We have before us the pamphlets containing reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the year 1908, commencing with the quarterly of March 11 and ending with the annual of December 29, and including in addition to the above the quarterlies of June 10, September 9 and December 9, and specials of March 21, May 6-30, June 22, July 30, September 7-10, October 4-5, November 28, December 12-13, or a total of four quarterlies, one annual, and twelve special communications, all of which were opened in ample form and presided over by M.W. Bro. JOHN ALBERT BLAKE, grand master, whose attractive face in an excellent steel engraving adorns a page of the record.

At the quarterly meeting of March 11th, twenty-five of the twenty-eight district deputy grand masters were present and the representatives of 162 lodges.

Under the head of "Necrology," the grand master reported:

At each quarterly communication the grand master is obliged to announce the decease of one or more of our brethren who have been our beloved companions in years gone by.

It is true that since our last communication this grand body has been unusually and severely afflicted by the loss of several of our most active officers and permanent members: R.W. Charles A. Welch, R.W. Percival L. Everett, R.W. Albert A. Folsom, R.W. Arthur T. Way, Bro. Eugene Van Rensselaer Thayer, W. Henry P. Brown, and W. John H. Swain.

Appropriate memorials of each of these brethren were presented and are printed in the proceedings.

We give place to the following interesting extracts from the records of this meeting:

The recording grand secretary reminded the grand lodge that at the quarterly communication in December last he presented papers purporting to come from associations entitled a Grand Lodge of Greece and a Grand Orient of Argentina respectively, and asking recognition by this grand lodge. At the time these papers were presented it was intimated that it was doubtful whether the bodies so called were entitled even to respectful consideration. The documents were submitted by a young Greek, probably a recent arrival in this country, calling himself Ange Romeos and claiming to be a representative not only of the two bodies named, but also of several other foreign grand bodies.

It had recently been learned that this person, becoming impatient at the delay in granting the desired recognition, had started a concern which

he called "Haramon Lodge No. 143, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic," associating himself in this scheme with divers and sundry other notorious, spurious and pretended Masons. Under these circumstances the application of this individual was evidently unworthy of consideration.

Upon motion of the grand secretary the application for recognition of the associations named was accordingly refused and the craft were cautioned to have no Masonic communication whatever with the person calling himself Ange Romeos.

Warning Against a Pretended Cipher.

The recording grand secretary called the attention of the brethren to the circulars which had been persistently disseminated throughout the state by one Clark, a book-binder of Portland, Me., offering for sale a cheap publication purporting to be a cipher of our ritual. These circulars, containing extravagant declarations as to the correctness of this catch-penny affair, had apparently been mailed to every Mason in Massachusetts whose address the peddler could obtain. As he is not a Mason, his opinion as to the value of his wares is utterly worthless and they should be consigned to the waste-basket as soon as received. The only purchasers of such trash must be members of the fraternity whose curiosity overcomes their sense of duty and their obligation to obey the positive and repeated requirements of the grand lodge to have nothing to do with such misleading helps. If the craft would let them alone it would not pay to issue them, and the brethren would so far be blessed with a good conscience.

The following will be of interest outside of Massachusetts and the publication of the book will be eagerly awaited:

R.W. Charles M. Green presented the following resolutions:

In Grand Lodge, Boston, March 11, 1908.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the grand jurisdiction of Freemasonry in Massachusetts, the oldest jurisdiction in this country, to cause to be prepared, as completely as possible, and published in enduring form, its Masonic history from colonial days to the present time.

To that end it is

Moved, That a committee on Masonic history, to consist of one able and discreet brother, and to be known as the historian of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, be appointed by the most worshipful grand master to carry out the purpose of the resolution.

And it is further

Moved, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be appropriated each year to defray the personal expenses of this committee or historian—subsequent provision to be made for publishing the history in such way and manner as may be determined by this grand lodge.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, with manifestation of much enthusiasm. The M.W. grand master then announced that he believed it would be the general opinion of the fraternity that the brother best qualified for the duty proposed was the present re-

cording grand secretary, and accordingly that appointment would be made; therefore it now rested with that brother to decide whether he would undertake what it was hoped would be to him a welcome task.

The attitude of the grand lodge upon the question of dealing with spurious and clandestine Masonry is illustrated in the following:

W. Melvin M. Johnson made a report in behalf of the committee on legislation appointed at the quarterly communication in December last. The committee named by the M.W. grand master consisted of R.W. Charles T. Gallagher, W. Bros. Leon M. Abbott, Melvin M. Johnson, Horace T. Fogg and John K. Berry. On account of his absence from the city the committee was deprived of the assistance of R.W. Brother Gallagher. The other members of the committee prepared a petition, which was signed by Bro. Leon M. Abbott and presented in the senate by Bro. Allen T. Treadway. The accompanying bill, senate No. 187, was referred to the joint committee on the judiciary. Hearings before that committee were held on several days and attended by the members of the grand lodge committee and other officers and members of the grand lodge, as well as by representatives of other fraternal and secret organizations who rendered important assistance to your committee. Various amendments to the proposed bill were suggested, and as re-drafted it was reported to the House of Representatives March 10, 1908, in the following form:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

RELATIVE TO THE FRAUDULENT USE OF THE NAME, TITLE OR COMMON DESIGNATION OF FRATERNITIES, SOCIETIES AND UNIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully by color or aid of any false token or writing, or other false pretense or false statement, verbal or written, or without authority of the grand lodge or supreme governing lodge, council, union or other governing body hereinafter mentioned, obtains the signature of any person to any written application, or obtains any money or property for any alleged or pretended degree, or for any alleged or pretended secrets of or membership in any fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union having a grand lodge or supreme governing lodge, council, union or other governing body in this state, or in any subordinate lodge or body thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three years or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Whoever in a newspaper or other publication, or in any written or printed letter, notice, matter or device, without authority of the grand lodge or supreme governing lodge, council, union or other governing body hereinafter mentioned, fraudulently uses or in any manner directly or indirectly aids in the use of the name, title or common designation of any fraternity, association, society, order or organization which has a grand lodge or supreme governing lodge, council, union or other governing body having priority in such use in this state, or any

imitation of such name, title, or designation, or any name, title or designation so nearly resembling such name, title or designation as to be calculated or liable to deceive; and whoever without such authority publishes, sells, lends, gives away, circulates or distributes any written or printed letter, notice, matter or device, directly or indirectly advertising for or soliciting members or applications for membership in such fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union, or in any alleged or pretended association, society, order, organization or union using or designated or claimed to be known by such name, title or designation or imitation or resemblance thereof; and whoever therein or thereby offers to sell or to confer or to communicate or to give information directly or indirectly where, how, of whom or by what means any alleged or pretended degrees or any alleged or pretended secret work or any alleged or pretended secrets of such work or any alleged or pretended secrets of such fraternity, association, society, order, organization or union, or of any alleged or pretended association, society, order, organization or union designated or claimed to be known by such name, title or designation or imitation or resemblance thereof can or may be obtained, conferred or communicated, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than three years or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any such written or printed letter, notice, matter or device shall be *prima facie* evidence of the fraudulent character of the scheme therein referred to and of an intent to violate this act.

We should be glad to share in the confidence which our bay state brethren feel in the potency of legislation in the suppression of these fakir degree peddlers, but we are not convinced of the wisdom of so far dignifying them as to make it a question in state polity. There are some impostors who are flattered by attention of any sort, and there are some pests so constructed that if they cannot be chloroformed they would better be left *severely* alone—it leaves the air less noxious.

The special communications of March 21, May 6 and May 30 were respectively for the purpose of participating in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Quaboag Lodge at Warren, a like occasion for Henry Price Lodge at Charleston, and to lay the corner-stone of a soldier's monument at Somerville.

An incident occurring at the latter seems to us worth recording, as it may be the prelude to some action on the part of our Massachusetts brethren looking to the further extension of their liberality in the matter of official recognition so as to include the G.A.R.:

An interesting feature of the occasion was the presentation by the grand master of the trowel he had used to his honor, the mayor of Somerville, W. Bro. Charles A. Grimmons, who in turn presented it to Thomas Murphy, commander of Willard C. Kingsley Post, No. 139, G.A.R., who had assisted in its use and who accepted the implement with thanks and the assurance that his post would sacredly preserve it as a valued souvenir of the occasion.

At the quarterly communication of June 10th there were present in addition to a complete roster of grand lodge officers, twenty-two district deputy grand masters, twenty-nine permanent members in the person of past grand masters, past deputy grand masters and past grand wardens, and the representatives of 166 lodges.

Under the head of "Contributions to the Curiosities of the Craft" is the following record:

The M.W. grand master presented the pen with which the lieutenant governor signed the act passed by the general court "Relative to the Fraudulent Use of Names, Titles or Common Designations of Fraternities, Societies and Unions," being set forth in full in the printed proceedings of this grand lodge for March last.

It was voted that the pen be deposited in the repository for such relics and that the thanks of the grand lodge be returned to W. Bro. Allen T. Treadway, who presented to the state senate the petition for the act and to whom we are indebted for the presentation of the instrument with which the enactment was signed.

The special communication of June 22 was to assist in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Montacute Lodge at Worcester.

The special of July 30th placed the corner-stone of a church at Malden An address was delivered by R.W. Bro. Dana J. Flanders, past grand warden, from which we append a brief extract:

It may be a matter of curiosity, and perhaps wonderment, to some of those present today to account for the presence of the representatives of this fraternity for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of this, our latest addition to the Christian churches of our city, and for their information or enlightenment I may say that from time immemorial it has been the practice to call upon these representatives to set this public mark of their approval upon the beginning of public buildings of all kinds, and particularly upon churches, which are the embodiment of the principles upon which our civilization rests.

In former times the members of the guilds or associations of Masons not only designed the buildings and laid the foundations, but their members wrought in the quarries where the stones were raised and completed the edifice from corner-stone to turret or spire. That there is something more than tradition for such claims, history, both scriptural and profane, proclaims in innumerable cases, but perhaps more conclusive evidence is shown in the fact that the location of the ruins of the most ancient structures furnish evidence of the masters who not only contrived the fabrics which immortalized them, but with mallet and chisel and square and plumb really did the work which our operative Mason does today, and left their marks of identification upon every stone.

At the special of September 7th the fiftieth anniversary of Trinity Lodge at Clinton was celebrated.

At the quarterly communication of September 9th the usual quota of grand lodge officers appeared, also twenty-five district deputy grand

masters, thirty-one permanent members and the representatives of 115 lodges. The resignation of Past Grand Master SERENO D. NICKERSON, who for many years held the office of recording grand secretary, was received and he was appointed as a committee on Masonic history. This appointment was received with enthusiasm and by it a most complete and satisfactory performance of the work in hand is assured.

R.W. Bro. THOMAS W DAVIS was installed as recording grand secretary vice Brother NICKERSON, resigned.

The fiftieth anniversary of Webster Lodge was celebrated at the special communication of the grand lodge held September 10.

The special of October 4th was for the purpose of attending the religious services inaugurating the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge.

There were in attendance, in addition to a complete line of grand lodge officers, ten district deputy grand masters and twenty permanent members of the grand lodge, including four past grand masters; also the following distinquished visitors, as guests of St. John's Lodge: R.W. GEORGE B. ORLADY, G.M. of Pennsylvania; M.W. JAMES L. MICHIE, G.M. of South Carolina; M.W. FREDERICK W. SAWYER, G.M. of New Hampshire; M.W. S. NELSON SAWYER, G.M. of New York; M.W. CHARLES R. SMITH, G.M. of Nova Scotia; M.W. JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, G.M. of Virginia; M.W. WILLIAM L. CHATTERTON, G.M. of Rhode Island; M.W. THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, G.M. of Maryland; M.W. EDWARD E. FULLER, G.M. of Connecticut; M.W. SAMUEL M. GATTIS, G.M. of North Carolina; M.W. WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL, G.M. of New Jersey; M.W. THOMAS J. DAY, G.M. of Delaware; M.W. EDMUND B. MALLETT, G.M. of Maine; M.W. LEE S. TILLOTSON, G.M. of Vermont; R.W. THOMAS MOWBRAY, G.S. of Nova Scotia; R.W. ALBERT H. HUNTER, P.D.D.G. Master of Maine.

After the grand lodge had been opened in ample form:

The master of St. John's Lodge, Wor. Bro. Leonard G. Roberts, was introduced and extended a formal invitation to the grand lodge to proceed under the escort of St. John's Lodge to Tremont Temple to take part in the religious service of the day. The grand master responded in acceptance of the invitation, and * * * the procession moved by the way of Lafayette Mall and Tremont street to Tremont Temple, reversing the order after passing Winter street, so that the grand master and master of the lodge entered the building first, followed by the other invited guests.

The visiting grand masters were given seats upon the platform at the right and left of the grand master, the master of the lodge, the chaplains and the preacher of the day; the other brethren who had participated in the procession occupied the central part of the main floor, the remainder of the great auditorium being already filled to overflowing by members of the craft and ladies.

There was a full religious program of instrumental and vocal music, scripture reading, prayer and sermon, the latter by Rev. Bro. JOHN W. HAMILTON, D.D. L.L.D., bishop of the M. E. church. We quote the anniversary hymn written by Mrs. JOHN C. HURLL:

How rich is the past, with the treasures untold
Of sacred tradition, and memories old;
We sing of the blessings which crowned every day,
The God of our Fathers has led all the way—
The God of our Fathers has led all the way.

We sing of the fellowship faithful and true
Which draws us together our vows to renew,
The present is with us to shape as we will,
The God of our Fathers is leading us still—
The God of our Fathers is leading us still.

The future is calling: press on to the light,
Oh, splendid the vision which dawns on our sight;
With high aspiration our way to attend,
The God of our Fathers will lead to the end—
The God of our Fathers will lead to the end.

The past is our glory, the present our pride,
The future awaits us with portals flung wide,
What more can we ask, as we gratefully sing,
God rules in his heaven, and is ever our King—
God rules in his heaven, and is ever our King.

The special communication of October 5th was to attend the Masonic exercises of the celebration of the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, the attendance being practically the same as on the previous day, and the exercises consisting of singing, addresses of welcome and history, and recollections of some distinguished members of St. John's Lodge by SERENO D. NICKERSON, past grand master. The record says:

The exercises of the celebration were continued by a banquet in the evening at which addresses were made by the several grand masters, and by an entertainment and collation on the evening of October 6, at which the members and guests of the lodge with their ladies were most hospitably entertained.

A conference of the grand master and other past and present officers of the grand lodge with the visiting grand masters was held at the Algonquin club on Tuesday, October 6, upon the invitation of the grand master, the ladies accompanying the visitors being entertained at the same time and place by Mrs. Blake and others.

The conference had as its object the discussion of certain matters in which the various jurisdictions have a common interest, and is believed to have been of benefit to the craft.

The special of November 28th was held at Marion and was for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new building for the occupancy

of Pythagorean Lodge. The program usual to such occasions was carried out.

At the quarterly communication of December 9th the grand lodge was opened in ample form, the usual line of grand officers being present. There were also in attendance twenty-five district deputy grand masters, fifty-one permanent members and the representatives of 203 lodges.

R.W. Bro. Charles T. Gallagher, on behalf of the committee upon the application of the Grand Lodge of France for recognition, made a very full, interesting and instructive report, giving much information, which, if space permitted, we should be glad to give our readers. The conclusion was that neither the ritual nor constitution of the body makes such acknowledgment of God, nor requires such use of the Bible as are essential to constitute a valid claim to recognition and that their applications must therefore be refused, and the report was unanimously concurred in by the grand lodge.

In the address of the grand master he reports the trial, conviction and fining of an offender under the recently enacted law providing for protection against the introduction of spurious Masonry. This law is quoted in a previous page of this review and appears to start off successfully in spite of our misgivings.

The election of officers occurred at this communication and was preceded by a report from the recording grand secretary, showing the total number of votes that might be cast was 657. For grand master 493 votes were cast, 492 of which were for the brother chosen.

The special of December 12th was at Peabody, for the purpose of assisting in the celebration of the centennial of Jordan Lodge, and the special of the following day (Sunday) was to attend divine worship in connection with said celebration.

The annual communication occurred December 29th and was for the purpose of installing the grand officers and celebrating the feast of St. John, the evangelist. After the usual ceremonies of installation and the routine business had been transacted, the craft were called from labor to refreshment at 6:10 p. m. and proceeded to the banquet hall, where the feast of St. John the evangelist was celebrated in due and ancient form (whatever that may be), and at 10:50 the brethren were again called to labor and the grand lodge closed in ample form. There is a complete report of the speeches made at the banquet, each of which and all of which are so good that we would gladly quote, but refrain from beginning because we should not know where to stop, and we have already given the bay state more than its proportion of space.

There is no report on correspondence, and as we have no remembrance of seeing any explanation of the absence of such reports from the Massachusetts proceedings we are at a loss to know whether the omission is because they don't want to correspond *with* their neighbors, or because of the clammy feeling that they don't correspond *to* (or resemble) other people, or simply because they are like the boy who "didn't have to."

DANA J. FLANDERS, Malden, grand master; THOMAS W. DAVIS, Masonic Temple, Boston, grand secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1909.

65TH ANNUAL. DETROIT. MAY 25.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form at high twelve by M.W. Grand Master HERBERT MONTAGUE, and his associate grand officers.

The grand secretary announced that the Craftsmen's Club of Ann Arbor, would give an entertainment in the auditorium of the Masonic temple at 8 o'clock in the evening, consisting of a representation of an eighteenth century lodge; also that a photographer would be in waiting to take a picture of the officers and members of the grand lodge in front of the Masonic temple immediately upon the grand lodge closing for recess. The grand lodge then took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

The record of the afternoon session opens with a "roll of honor," containing the names of forty past grand masters who have passed to the great beyond—an addition of only one (HUGH MCCURDY) during the year.

Fourteen past grand masters were present and forty-seven members of the diplomatic corps, Bro. ARTHUR M. HUME responding for Illinois. Number of chartered lodges represented 398. Total registered attendance 577. We clip an extract from the opening portion of the grand master's address:

Since last we met in annual convention, we have seen the seed-time and the harvest. The Great Architect, in His supreme and generous goodness, has showered His blessings upon us; and abundance and plenty have greeted us on every hand. The flowers have bloomed, and given their beauty to please and encourage us; the birds have given forth their notes of love and sweetness upon the air to entertain us, and turn our thoughts towards Him, who sitteth upon the throne; the landscapes have been painted in the rich, warm tints of summer, and winter

has clothed them in its icy mantle; and thus are we taught the great lessons of life, and of the resurrection to that new life beyond the golden glow of our ripening years, and which will follow with the bursting of the bud and the unfolding leaf.

In obedience to our laws, and in harmony with the glorious principles of the institution we love and venerate, we are gathered in this annual reunion. Again we assemble around our common altar, while our most esteemed and honored grand chaplain voices our adoration and praise to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for his watchful care over us and ours during the year that has passed, and adds a prayer for a continuance of His love and protection through succeeding years.

He reports the placing of nine corner-stones, and the dedication of eighteen lodge halls or temples, also that he issued six dispensations for new lodges.

At this point we interrupt the current record by a reference to the illustrations contained in the volume under review, and to make a somewhat extended extract from the grand master's address, explaining the presence of one of the embellishments (or shall we call it a blemish?), and embodying what may be regarded as a semi-official and admittedly needed defense of what had recently occurred in a neighboring jurisdiction. The fly-leaf presents a tinted half-tone of the pleasant visage of Arthur M. Hume, the grand master-elect. From personal knowledge we can testify that the picture is a good likeness. Opposite to it is a page of eleven vignettes of grand lodge officers, followed by a biographical sketch of M.W. Bro. Hume.

Then comes a full-page illustration which might, in our opinon, have been omitted, thereby bringing far more credit to those responsible for its insertion. There are several full length figures in the group and many heads and faces peeking through the crevices. First, comes the grand master with his official apron and jewel well to the front, *rampant* as it were. Second in prominence is a lady whose muff and a huge bouquet supply the place of apron and jewel, and then come her husband, a senator of the U. S. (whose overcoat and mittens do not proclaim his affiliation, though the record is careful to say that he is a Mason), the grand secretary, grand marshal, grand tyler, etc., on none of whose faces do we see any evidence that self-satisfaction is *dormant*.

When we look at this picture and read the following extract from the grand master's address or explanation as already referred to, our tongue burns and our fingers tingle to say something so strong that it might appear unfraternal. We will content ourselves, however, by merely inquiring where was the dignity of the time-honored, and ancient institution when its modern exponents were seeking political or social prestige in this glaringly toadyish fashion, and if there needed to be a

"woman in the case" where were all the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Wolverine Masons, that none could be found to answer the demand?

But let us hear what the grand master says of the occasion, and then ask ourselves seriously whether it was a "a good thing for our order," and whether the Cincinnati function was any credit to the fraternity:

CORNER-STONE LAYING AT GRAND RAPIDS.

For some reasons I have thought it best to make separate and particular mention of the corner-stone laying of the new federal building at Grand Rapids.

Sometime in the early part of last December, I received from the Pastmasters' Association of Grand Rapids, an invitation for the grand lodge to lay the corner-stone of the new post office building, in that city. I, of course, accepted, and expected to perform the ceremony about the middle of December.

When the stone arrived it was found to be defective, and so was rejected—and then the matter was postponed. In the meantime, some criticism was made as to the Masonic grand lodge performing this ceremony, and they, therefore, quietly stepped aside, and we thought no more of it; but the hustling Masons of Grand Rapids were not satisfied, and quietly took steps to overcome the opposition, and again, in the early part of February, last, the grand lodge was invited to perform the ceremony of corner-stone laying, to take place on February 12.

Our good Masonic brother, Senator William Alden Smith, came on to Grand Rapids to be present for this and other occasions, and with him came Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth—Mrs. Longworth, the daughter of our then president of the United States (Theodore Roosevelt)—a lady much traveled, and ever in the public eye, and greatly appreciated by the people.

I was asked if it would be possible for us to give to Mrs. Longworth some portion of the ceremony to perform, and I immediately said it would be possible, and that we would be glad, indeed, to honor and be honored by the president's daughter. It was accordingly arranged for, and Mrs. Longworth used the grand master's trowel to spread some cement, and used his golden gavel to give the three distinct knocks upon the corner-stone after it was in place. Thus was the Grand Lodge of Michigan assisted in the ceremony of corner-stone laying by the daughter of the president, whom all of the grand lodge officers were pleased to recognize as a most delightful and engaging young lady.

The crowd of people attendant upon this occasion was immense, and the enthusiasm was most gratifying, and I believe this incident was a good thing for our order.

TRIP TO CINCINNATI.

Having received—aside from the regular and official invitation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to be present in Cincinnati on February 18, on the occasion of the conferring of the three degrees in Blue Lodge Masonry

upon President-Elect William Howard Taft—a personal and urgent invitation from the grand master of Ohio, I concluded to accept, and accordingly went to Cincinnati, to see what was meant by conferring the degrees at sight. I saw how it was done, and was greatly interested in the meeting.

Louis Kossuth (the great Hungarian) said: "If all men were Freemasons, what a world-wide and glorious republic we should have." The president of this great republic has been made a Mason, and has given new emphasis to the favorable opinion of the fraternity held by many of his predecessors in the high office to which he has been called.

George Washington (first president of the United States), was a Mason, and said: "I shall always be happy to advance the interest of the society, and to be considered by them a deserving brother." Only one president of the United States (John Quincy Adams) has opposed Freemasonry. His father (John Adams) had a very different opinion of the society. President Roosevelt received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in 1901, before he was inaugurated as vice-president, and received the Master degree during the same year. President McKinley received the degrees of the Blue Lodge in Hiram Lodge, at Winchester, Virginia, in 1863.

In seeking to become a Mason, Judge William H. Taft had such examples as those of his own brothers, of his father, of his two immediate predecessors, of Washington, of Andrew Jackson, and the favorable opinion of hundreds of the best, wisest and ablest men among the nations of the earth. Before he was nominated for the presidency, Secretary Taft expressed a desire to become a Mason, and really made application of his own free will and accord. The proper initial steps were taken to make him a Mason at sight—which, by the way is a misnomer and a misleading term, as applied to the ceremonial actually used —and Bro. William B. Melish (an eminent Mason of Ohio, and a past grand master of the grand lodge of that state), Levi C. Goodale (another past grand master), and Jacob H. Bromwell (grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio), joined in a petition addressed to Charles S. Hoskinson (grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Ohio), asking that the three degrees conferred in the Blue Lodge might be given to William Howard Taft, and that he might be made a Mason at sight. In this petition it was shown to the grand master that Mr. Taft had been compelled, by official business, to be absent from his home in Ohio for a long time, and that this had interferred with his initiation into the fraternity, etc. The grand master (as he had a perfect right to do), granted the petition, and appointed the three petitioning brethren a committee of arrangements.

On the evening of February 18, 1909, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio, William Howard Taft, first citizen of the republic, was made a Mason. A numerous and distinguished company of Masons, hailing from many states of the Union, were present. The cathedral was crowded with brethren who were anxious to see the ceremonies. The grand masters of twenty states were in attendance, and many of the highest officials of the other Masonic bodies.

About an hour was consumed in the work. The candidate made a Mason at sight was obligated in all the three degrees, was instructed in

the "Arcana," heard the same charge that his father had delivered to his brothers, and received a certificate that he was in good and regular standing as a Freemason. But not only did he "go through" himself in this way, but he afterwards saw the degree of Master Mason conferred in full form on a candidate by Kilwinning Lodge.

After the president-elect received the degrees, he advanced to the edge of the stage and addressed those present as "My brothers," and going to his brother, by blood, shook hands with him. He had become "bound to him by a double tie."

The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio declares of the grand master that it is his prerogative to make Masons at sight, and for this purpose he may summon to his assistance such brethren as he may deem necessary. Grand Master Hoskinson had the right and power to make Mr. Taft a Mason at sight, and he exercised it. This is not the first instance of making a Mason at sight in this country. Governor Asa S. Bushnell, of Ohio, was made a Mason at sight by the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, under the same constitutional provisions to which I have referred. This was in 1892, and no protests were made.

Governor Lloyd Lowndes, of Maryland, was made a Mason at sight by Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock. Grand masters in Pennsylvania have made two judges—Pennypacker and Gordon—and at least one other prominent citizen (John Wanamaker) Masons at sight. It is said that the power has not been exercised in New York since 1867, when Grand Master Holman exercised the prerogative.

Brother Taft, made a Mason at sight, must still pass the "scrutiny of the ballot," for he must affiliate, and there is a ballot provided for on such occasions.

When the whole matter has been narrowed down to the smallest compass, it practically means that President Taft made application through three prominent Masons, to be made a Mason; that, recognizing the fact that it would be wholly impracticable to initiate him in the usual manner, they invoked the clear prerogative of the grand master, and arranged that he be made a Mason at sight. In substance, it seems all the laws of the fraternity were complied with, excepting the time limit, which was waived under a dispensation, as is often done.

I enjoyed the meeting greatly, and met, personally, a number of the prominent Masons of our land; I was very glad that I attended. It was my particular good fortune to have with me on this trip my good friend and brother, your senior grand deacon (James H. Thompson), and I believe he felt well paid for the trip, and I am sure we both left Cincinnati feeling that it is a particularly good place to go.

In his notice of deaths in other grand jurisdictions the grand master mentions the passing of R.W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn, our own well-beloved past grand secretary. He gives a touching description of the alarming illness of M.W. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, grand secretary, and the extraordinary and fortunately effective efforts to restore him. The grand master proved himself loving in impulse and brave in execution.

He reports the collection of one hundred and sixty-five dollars for special dispensations to confer degrees out of time, to elect officers at other than regular dates, etc., and joins in the usual protest against the practice. In Illinois it has been found by experience that the extraordinary occasions for hurry-up degrees decreased just in proportion as the fees for dispensations to authorize them increased. Under the head of decisions, he says that while he was called upon to answer hundreds of letters and questions he was able to give such answers and make such explanations as to avoid rendering a single new decision.

From the report of the superintendent of the Michigan Masonic Home, we find that the weekly average cost of each beneficiary was $3.76.

The special committee on change in monitorial work made a report which was adopted, changing "avocations" to "vocations" in the monitorial paragraph on the twenty-four inch gauge. We are interested to learn that through official action Michigan has sanctioned a change which the compiler of our Standard Monitor made years ago without any special authority, save that the meaning of the words manifestly demanded it.

The committee on jurisprudence to whom was referred the Tennessee address on the subject of cipher rituals, made the following report, which was adopted, thus proving anew that "Ephraim is joined to his idols," even though they be wooden images on rotten bases:

Your committee on jurisprudence, to whom was referred the address by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee relative to the use of cipher rituals, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report as follows: We are of the opinion that the ideal way to transmit the work of the several degrees would be by oral tradition, if the same could be done with safety and accuracy, but we believe, in view of the experience of this grand lodge on this same subject, that the present system in use in this grand jurisdiction is the best and safest, and conduces to the best work of any system yet adopted, and we therefore, with all due deference to the views of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee, recommend the retention by this grand lodge of the system now in use in this grand jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence (271 pp.) is by Grand Secretary Lou B. Winsor, past grand master. Reviewing the Illinois proceedings of 1908—to which he gives six of his well-considered pages—he speaks in laudatory terms of the work of our correspondent, M.W. Brother Robbins, and pays him a very high compliment by quoting largely from his report in which various peculiarities in Michigan's methods are frankly criticised. No defense is undertaken.

Arthur M. Hume, Owosso, grand master; Lou B. Winsor, P.G.M., Reed City, grand secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1909.

56TH ANNUAL. ST. PAUL. JANUARY 20.

The wholesome face of M.W. Bro. WILLIAM P. ROBERTS, grand master, appears in half-tone on the fly-leaf of the Minnesota proceedings for 1909.

The grand lodge met in St. Paul, January 20, 1909, and was opened in ample form by Grand Master ROBERTS, assisted by the full quota of grand lodge officers, except the junior grand steward.

Two hundred and thirty lodges out of the two hundred and forty-eight on the roll, were represented. There were also present twelve past grand masters, one each senior and junior grand warden, twenty-five district deputy grand masters, and thirty-five members of the diplomatic corps, the latter including M.W. Bro. A. T. STEBBINS, the representative of Illinois.

A visitor was announced in the person of M.W. Bro. NATHAN C. GRIFFIN, past grand master of Wisconsin, whereupon the grand master directed all past grand masters present to retire and escort him into the hall, where he was appropriately received.

After the appointment of the usual committees the grand master read his address, which the committee on grand master's address characterize as "profound and exhaustive." Whether these are exactly the correct adjectives or not can be decided only by a careful reading of its forty-eight pages, fourteen of which are devoted to recording, explaining and discussing his eighty-three decisions, and five of which are given to telling why he favored the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

As the committee on jurisprudence concurred in a blanket approval of all his decisions and the committee on ancient landmarks agreed with him on Mexico, and both reports were adopted by the grand lodge, it is fair to conclude that his decisions must have been in accord with the Masonic laws of Minnesota and his arguments convincing to his hearers, whatever may be true as to the laws and among the Masons of other jurisdictions.

We are glad to note that a committee is engaged in revising the Minnesota code, and presumably some changes will be made on points with which the grand master wrestled and along lines which we should surely advocate were we a constituent of that grand lodge, notably in the matter of peremptory objection previous to ballot, the right of a lodge to waive jurisdiction over residents within its boundaries, and the alleged right of the grand lodge to decide the question of waiver.

On the subject of recognizing the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, we make some extracts from the grand master's address as follows:

An examination of *recent* proceedings of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, indicates conscientious, conservative management as well as leadership. Our Masonic authorites lay down certain conditions which practically are insisted upon as conditions precedent to the recognition of a new grand lodge. In 1905, a special committee of the Grand Lodge of Michigan laid down the following conditions, as necessary to be met:

1. The grand lodge seeking recognition must have been regularly organized, and in that organization the ancient landmarks, constitutions and usages must have been substantially followed.

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Michigan withheld recognition that year, but subsequently, in 1907, after a visit to that country by the chairman of its foreign correspondence committee, its grand secretary, accorded such recognition. It found practical conditions there were such as regular Masons could afford to recognize, *though there was no pretense that the first condition in the report of 1905, above stated, could be answered technically and affirmatively.* But it did find, I understand, that lodges there all observe today the ancient landmarks, constitutions and usages of regular Masonry, that the Holy Bible is always upon the altars when the lodges are at labor, that belief in the existence of God is required, that women are not made Masons, nor permitted to visit their lodges.

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The Scottish Rite no longer permits the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry to be conferred by its bodies in that territory, and the subordinate lodges, of the Valle de Mexico, do not practice, control or have any connection with any other than the three symbolic degrees, in any other way than does this grand lodge perhaps, in its resolutions of 1890 defining what Masonic societies it recognizes as legitimate—if indeed so much. There may be a possible rival in that territory, in the so-called Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz, but I do not suspect the latter possesses any symptoms of regularity which we need consider a moment.

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Shall Minnesota, then, still insist, with some of our sister grand lodges, that the first condition laid down in the Michigan report of 1905 also must be literally and technically complied with, before according recognition to Valle de Mexico? If so, I am frank to say that it is more than doubtful—is wholly improbable—that the condition can ever be met, or that regular Masonry from that standpoint, at least, will ever exist in Valle de Mexico.

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The able brethren of our sister jurisdictions, who insist upon literal genealogy, have, so far as I have discovered, done little more in the way of disputing the claims of Valle de Mexico to legitimacy, than to express a doubt, and throw some "Scottish Rite" dust into the controversy. I shall not attempt to prove legitimacy.

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As a practical man and Mason, I want regular recognizable Masonry in Mexico, because in my judgment the best interests of our whole fraternity, and especially those of hundreds of our brethren in Mexico, demand it. If we must wait upon technical proof of regularity, and the production of charters, or of a regular genealogy back to York, 1717, there will never be any regular Masonry there to recognize.

These extracts clearly show that the grand master bases his argument for recognition upon recent or present conditions, and that he fully admits the illegitimate origin of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

In making this admission it seems to us that he concedes the whole case, and leaves himself no ground to stand upon. When the foundation is wanting or rotten the structure is insecure and cannot stand. Masonry lays much stress upon fundamentals and insists that its votaries, whether as individuals or bodies, shall *start right*. In individuals it takes account of birth, requiring that its votaries shall be of the male sex, *free-born*, descended from honest parents (i. e. of legitimate birth), and congenitally of whole physique.

The person who is unfortunate enough to lack these qualifications is effectually debarred from the privileges of Freemasonry, although he is no wise personally responsible for the defect, nor is there any way through which these disqualifications can be removed. It is equally true that a lodge must *start right* and be legitimately born, in order to have regular standing in Masonry under the grand lodge plan. It is as impossible to wipe out the defect in case of the lodge as it is in the individual, and a legitimate grand lodge can be formed from none but lodges of regular birth. We hear more or less about some healing process, but healing, if it ever has any proper function, can be applied only to irregularities and not to fundamentals. Besides, when this balm is applied it must be by some factor outside of and of higher standing than the patient.

Where is the power outside of and higher than itself that can administer the remedy to a sovereign grand lodge?

To argue that because the constituents of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico have discontinued some (or even all) of their admittedly discreditable practices and that, therefore, they can now be recognized, is to argue that the clandestine lodges established by the colored people or by the malcontents who have sundered themselves from legitimate grand lodges, are now all right and recognizable because they acknowledge a Supreme Being, use all of the three great lights, refuse to initiate women, and in other things conform to regular methods. Loyalty to the fundamental teachings of Masonry, obedience to obligations, the convictions of conscience and every consideration of logic and reason, as well as the promise which every master makes at his installation, compel the conclusion that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico must be born again and start *de novo* to receive recognition. Considerations of sentiment, of social enjoyment, of business relations, and a desire to give countenance to the position of so-called higher bodies already established there, should have no weight in determining the attitude of Masonry towards such claimants.

The argument that because a number of the grand lodges of the U.S. and other grand jurisdictions have recognized the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico may mean only that they have not sufficiently examined the situation, and is of no more value than would be an argument claiming that a bogus dollar should continue to circulate because it had passed through a number of hands.

If Missouri instead of withdrawing the charter of Toltec Lodge (the only legitimate lodge that ever existed in Mexico), had granted charters to two other lodges, a regular grand lodge might have been organized and the question would have been settled Masonically and along the only line in which it can ever be properly adjusted.

The grand master recommended the establishment of a modern card index system, that provision be made for paying the expenses of the grand secretary in attending the laying of corner-stones and other grand lodge ceremonials, that a suitable case for the carriage of regalia be purchased, that an American flag be bought for the use of the grand lodge, that more commodious quarters be provided for the grand lodge, and that the commissions of various officers and representatives be printed on parchment instead of on paper as heretofore, but we are unable to find from the record that any action was taken thereon by the grand lodge, unless these recommendations were included in the matters referred to the committee on the "residue of the address," who heartily endorsed the same and recommended approval, and the report was adopted.

The total membership in Minnesota on January 1, 1909, was 23,886, a gain of 856 during the year.

The grand master reported granting three dispensations to form new lodges, and that he had placed five corner-stones. Under the head of "Condition of the Fraternity," he said:

Carrying out in a measure a determination made when I was honored by election to this responsible position, I have during the past twelve months, visited lodges in nearly every section of the state, and have met therein many of the brethren of other lodges. My sole regret is that I was unable to arrange for visits to many others, by reason of two illnesses which practically incapacitated me during the whole of the months of March and May, when I naturally could have found our lodges at "work." The principal object and the intention of such visitations were to observe how nearly uniform our lodges work. In arranging for such visits I therefore confined my dates to lodges with "work," and in order to save traveling expenses, tried to group those dates consecutively and in territory not too much separated. But for this effort to thus save mileage, I could, of course, with the expenditure of additional time, have reached many more lodges than I did, but by so arranging I have been able to keep the mileage account down to practically 8,200 miles, outside of my travel from place to place in the three principal cities of our state. Another object of these visits was

to, if possible, prefer lodges which might not have been visited by a grand master within two or three years. Some of them had never received a visit from a grand master before—though chartered twenty years or more.

An oration covering nine pages of the record was delivered by Grand Orator Bro. WILLIAM C. ODELL, who closes with the following sentiment:

Then, my brethren, let us go on in the even tenor of our way, teaching Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, with the motto, Faith, Hope and Charity. Let us strive to make Masonry what God designed it should be, a moral preparation for holier things, a stepping stone from virtue to grace, a handmaid to lead us on by gentle persuasion to higher and nobler duties, and God, who never yet has withheld the protection of His outstretched arm, will continue to shield and defend it from all ills, to continue to bless and save mankind.

The report on correspondence (87 pp.) is another of those interesting papers by Bro. IRVING TODD, who puts into two pages a summary of the proceedings of our session of 1908. He refers to the statistics of membership, the formation of new lodges, the death of R.W. Bro. G. W. BARNARD, the reception of R.W. Bro. FAY HEMPSTEAD, and the "elaborate oration" of Bro. E. E. BEACH. He notes the reference to a special committee of the Valle de Mexico question, and says, "but with Bro. JOSEPH ROBBINS as its chairman we guess nit."

Upon this question he remarks as follows:

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has always been very conservative in extending recognition, a policy not likely to be disturbed at present. No grand body of questionable antecedents was ever formally recognized, to the best of our recollection. Still we do not assume that those upon which no action has been taken are necessarily clandestine, or that an exchange of courtesies would be denied upon proper application.

A construction of Minnesota's position which is hardly borne out by their action, as already herein recorded.

Brother TODD's ability as a condenser is well illustrated in the following quotation from his report:

Brother Robbins does not believe in the consolidation of lodges by a majority vote; or that a separate ballot should be taken upon advancement; or that the individuality of a lodge should be impaired by model by-laws, records, or forms; or that a lodge should be reimbursed for charity; or that a past master loses his standing by removal to another jurisdiction; or that a maimed Fellow Craft should be debarred from advancement by reason of his misfortune; or that documentary evidence tends to diminish the facilities for imposition; or that a lodge under dispensation can affiliate members; or the holding of lodges of sorrow in Craft Masonry; or that the absence of its charter invalidates the work of a lodge.

EUGENE E. SWAN, Stewart, grand master; JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul, grand secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1909.

91ST ANNUAL. MERIDIAN. FEBRUARY 15.

The illustration at the beginning of this volume is a well executed half-tone of the attractive face of WILEY H. CLIFTON, elected grand master at the session under review. At a subsequent page we find a striking picture of JOHN Y. MURRY, aged 80, who was grand master in 1876 and 1877, and of whom an extended biographical sketch is given. There is also a cut of the Masonic Home of Mississippi at Meridian, which was dedicated during the current meeting of the grand lodge.

At the opening of the grand lodge there were present M.W. Bro. EDWIN J. MARTIN, grand master, with his associate grand officers, thirteen past grand masters, twenty-six officers, thirteen past grand masters, and twenty-one grand lodge representatives, among them M.W. Bro. FREDERIC SPEED, who did duty for Illinois, as well as for Maine and England. We are glad to give place to the following wholesome sentences from the grand master's address:

If we are to continue to be at the making of greater peace, happiness and prosperity, we must look well to the selection and training of raw material. While there are a lot of near-men always striving for admission, and while there are a lot of parasites awaiting a footing on which to build a resplendant foliage, good institutions attract good men and nobility, unity of purpose and concentration of energy to accomplish a well defined ideal brings forth each day a worthy candidate for the honors and responsibilities of Freemasonry. It is to this new member we should give our support and our aid. He needs it. Let us see that his first impressions of this institution are not tempered with a later lukewarmness, for it is to him that we will leave our heritage. The older generation is rapidly passing away. Each year death claims a few more and soon there will be left only the memory of the brothers that have brought together from out the turmoil of civil strife, a harmonious, united institution. The new members will in their turn meet adversities and will need all of their strength to carry forward the work which is begun and will be inaugurated. Let us strive to impart the true Masonry, the ideal conception, so that when at last our call shall come to sit in that Celestial Lodge above, we may leave upon this Grand Lodge of Mississippi the impress of our stewardship, departing with a calmness and peace, knowing that our sons and brothers will carry on its work, striving ever for a true and perfect brotherhood, which is the aim of every good Mason.

Under the head of "Necrology," he notices the passing of R.W. Bro. LOYAL L. MUNN, of our jurisdiction, and pays fraternal tribute to his genial qualities.

He reports the granting of numerous dispensations to ballot or confer degrees out of time, and expresses the opinion that this prerogative of

the grand master should be exercised with due caution. He gives reasons for refusing several requests for dispensations, and among them we are interested to learn that in one case he declined to authorize a lodge to elect a treasurer to fill vacancy caused by death, for the reason that "the law makes no provision for the election of a treasurer."

He granted ten dispensations to institute new lodges and constituted eight others. He placed five corner-stones and dedicated three Masonic halls. He quotes the communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee on the subject of cipher rituals, given in full in this report under Arizona, and made the following reply:

MERIDIAN, MISS., November 28, 1908.

Mr. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.:

Worshipful Sir and Brother:—I have your favor of the 25th, enclosing an address from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee to the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States.

I most heartily endorse it from beginning to end, and trust that great good may result from its circulation. I shall give it my encouragement.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

E. J. MARTIN, G.M.

A matter of more than local interest, pertaining to the status of the negro in Masonry, was brought to the attention of the grand lodge by the grand master, who quoted his correspondence with the grand master of New Jersey upon the subject. In order to place the question fairly before our readers, we give the correspondence in full as well as what the grand master said under the head:

NEW JERSEY GRAND LODGE AND NEGRO MASONS.

Information came to me that New Jersey was initiating and affiliating negroes in their lodges. Desiring to get this information from first hands, I addressed the following letter to the grand master of Masons of New Jersey:

MERIDIAN, MISS., August 22, 1908.

Mr. William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master of Masons, Elizabeth, N. J.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—I have heard that there is a lodge in your grand jurisdiction composed of negroes, and that your grand lodge permits the initiation and affiliation of negroes as Masons.

I will thank you to advise me if this is true.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN J. MARTIN,
Grand Master.

I received the following reply:

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL, M.W. GRAND MASTER.

ELIZABETH, N. J., August 25, 1908.

Mr. Edwin J. Martin, Grand Master of Masons of Mississippi, Meridian, Miss.:

M.W. Sir and Dear Brother:—Yours of the 22d inst., inquiring concerning a lodge of negroes in this state received. Your information is

correct. Alpha Lodge No. 166, F. and A.M., of Newark, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, is composed almost entirely of negroes. The lodge was warranted on January 19, 1871, but it has never been very prosperous and is not so now, having a total membership of only forty-six on January 1, 1908.

There is no law in this jurisdiction against making negroes Masons nor of affiliation by regularly-made Masons, irrespective of color. Alpha lodge, however, is the only lodge in this jurisdiction that has any negro members. There are of course a number of so-called negro Masonic lodges in the state, but we do not in any wise recognize them.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL,
Grand Master.

I addressed a letter to Bro. W. A. Roane, representative to this grand lodge from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, enclosing to him a copy of this correspondence.

Brother Roane was in Colorado and my first letter failed to reach him. I wrote him again in regard to the correspondence and the negro Masons in New Jersey. Brother Roane replied under date of January 12, 1909:

RIPLEY, MISS., January 12, 1909.

M.W. E. J. Martin, Grand Master, Meridian, Miss.:

Most Worshipful Sir:—Yours of the 14th came while I was in Colorado, and since my return I have been busy in court and have had no time.

In regard to the initiation and affiliation of negroes as Masons by the Masons of New Jersey, I have only this to say, that we, as Mississippi Masons, cannot for one moment tolerate such action. There is no middle ground for us nor can we afford to compromise the matter by ignoring it. You are entirely right to discontinue fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and that condition should continue till they learn that negroes are not and cannot be made Masons.

Yours fraternally, W. A. ROANE.

On receipt of this letter from Brother Roane, I addressed the following letter to the grand master of New Jersey:

MERIDIAN, MISS., January 14, 1909.

Mr. William D. Wolfskeil, Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey, Elizabeth, N. J.:

M.W. Sir and Dear Brother:—Yours of August 25, advising me that negroes are initiated and affiliated in your grand jurisdiction is received.

Our grand lodge holds differently. Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race morally and intellectualy totaly incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic lodge. It is no answer that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race and not for the exceptions.

We hold that affiliation with negroes is contrary to the teachings of Masonry and dangerous to the interest of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

Therefore, I, E. J. Martin, grand master of Masons in the state of Mississippi, do order that fraternal correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be and is hereby discontinued until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as Masons.

With my best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EDWIN J. MARTIN,
Grand Master.

In this matter I have done what I thought to be to the best interest of the fraternity. I am deeply impressed from my experience and information that we should draw the line. No halting between opinions. We should or should not. But if we open our lodges to a promiscuous mixing up, then we destroy Masonry. There is only one way to prevent it, and that is to cut loose from the evil in whatever form we find it. Before taking this action I weighed the conditions and sought the advice of our most conservative and best advised brethren. They almost to a man advised me to pursue the course I have taken. In my opinion it is the only alternative. The negro in our land is unfit to assume the responsibilities and obligations of Masonry. It is an open secret that virtue and morality, which are indispensable qualifications to membership, are foreign to the race. I felt it my duty as your grand master to cut loose from any who would dare open the door of Masonry to a people whose standing for virtue and morality is a mockery to civilization.

This part of the grand master's address was referred to a special committee, but no report from the committee is given.

It is not our purpose to enter into a discussion of this question between these sovereign bodies, but we may modestly express the opinion that Masonry does not deal with men in groups, classes nor nationalities, but treats with each man as an individual. We would unhesitatingly vote against the admission into Masonry of the Comanche Indian as a class, and yet we are glad to associate on fraternal terms with a full-blooded Comanche Indian, who is a fellow lodge member.

We quote the following from the grand secretary's report on the subjects of Masonic Homes and cyclone fund:

I have received and paid over to the grand treasurer, on account of the Masonic Home during the year, the sum of $14,472.86, and although this has entailed a great deal of labor, it has been a source of intense satisfaction. $7,794.03 of this has come from the lodges and individual brethren for the building fund, $4,789.70 for the endowment fund, and $1,889.04 for the house furnishing fund. The handling of so large a sum of money as this for such a purpose as it has been devoted to, is an evidence of the genuineness of Masonic pretensions, and has proven to be a very great pleasure to me.

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I also had the pleasure of being the almoner of the brethren in the collection and distribution of $2,832.80 for the relief of the cyclone sufferers in the southern part of the state and $77.20 to enable Purvis Lodge to rebuild.

There is a very full and interesting report from the board of trustees of the Masonic Home, from which we would gladly make extracts if our space would permit.

The report on correspondence (93 pp.) is the third from the pen of HARRY T. HOWARD, past grand master, who opens his review with the following quotation, which is too appropriate to be omitted:

"When 'Omer smote 'is bloomin' lyre,
He'd 'eard men sing by land and sea;
An' what 'e thought 'e might require,
'E went an' took—the same as me."

He gives two and a half pages to our session of 1908. From Grand Master BELL'S address he quotes the entire paragraphs on Masonic schools and attendance at church service by authority of special dispensation. On the latter subject he remarks that it is one of the most vexatious problems before the grand lodges and he commends Brother BELL for refusing dispensations for the purpose. He refers very pleasantly to the introduction of Bro. FAY HEMPSTEAD, the newly crowned poet laureate; and characterizes the oration of Grand Orator BEACH as a finished production. From Brother ROBBINS' report he prints the entire paragraph on Queensland, and quietly jokes the proofreader on a ludicrous blunder that slipped past him about the way "the grand lodge was closed by the grand lodge."

WILLIAM H. CLIFTON, Aberdeen, grand master; FREDERIC SPEED, Vicksburg, grand secretary.

MISSOURI, 1908.

88TH ANNUAL. ST. LOUIS. SEPTEMBER 29.

The bluff and hearty face, in half-tone, of JOHN T. SHORT, grand master 1907-1908, greets us from the fly-leaf of the Missouri proceedings. This is followed by a brief biographical sketch, from which we learn that M.W. Bro. SHORT was born in Carlisle, Ill., March 4, 1857; that he migrated to Jackson, Mo., in 1876, and from there to Jefferson City in 1887. He was made a Mason at Jackson in 1882, and became master of Excelsior Lodge at that place in 1885, serving two years. He was master of Jefferson Lodge, at Jefferson City, in 1890; was appointed district grand master in 1892, senior grand deacon in 1894, and elected senior grand warden in 1895. The other illustrations are pictures of a corner of the grand secretary's office, with the grand secretary at his

desk, and of the handsome monument, at Kansas City, to the memory of R.W. Bro. Allan McDowell, past grand lecturer.

The session of the grand lodge under review was opened in ample form September 29, 1908, by Grand Master Short, assisted by the other grand officers. The grand lodge welcomed a distinguished visitor in the person of M.W. Bro. Milton H. Price, grand master of Tennessee, who in well chosen words briefly expressed the greetings of his grand lodge and his own pleasure at being able to attend the meeting.

We make the following extracts from the address of M.W. Bro. Short:

The year just passed has been one of harmony and good will, and the progress made, I trust, has been beneficial and lasting.

While we rejoice in this happy and prosperous condition of the craft, we are not unmindful of the fact that we have lost some of our most distinguished Masons. Death has claimed its own and will, sooner or later, claim each of us. M.W. Bro. Noah M. Givan, past grand master and president of the Masonic Home board, died suddenly at his home in the city of St. Louis, on October 3, 1907. He was taken to his old home in Harrisonville, Mo., and was buried on Sunday, October 6.

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M.W. Bro. Joshua B. Thomas died in Kansas City, Mo., November 15, 1907. His remains were taken to Albany, Mo., where appropriate services were conducted by M.W. Bros. A. M. Dockery and E. F. Allen, assisted by the members of Athens Lodge No. 127. An exceedingly large number of brethren and friends attended this funeral.

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M.W. Bro. William R. Stubblefield died in St. Louis, January 10, 1908, and was buried in that city with appropriate services by Occidental Lodge No. 163, of which M.W. Bro. Stubblefield was a member.

Because of the writer's acquaintance with M.W. Bro. Stubblefield (having been closely united with him in some of his capitular experiences in Chicago in 1864), the following excerpt is printed from the report of the committee on obituaries:

William Raens Stubblefield, past grand master, was born at Greenfield, Ill., May 8, 1835, and died at the home of his daughter in St. Louis, January 10, 1908, in his seventy-third year. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Occidental Lodge No. 163, at St. Louis, March 13, 1859. Capt. U. S. Grant petitioned that lodge for the mysteries of Masonry, and was elected at the same time with Brother Stubblefield, but did not present himself for initiation. Brother Stubblefield was master in 1873, and secretary from 1885 to 1898. He was district deputy grand master for the sixteenth district in 1875 and 1876, was elected grand junior warden in 1877, and regularly advanced until 1880, when he was elected grand master. He received the capitular and cryptic degrees, and the orders of knighthood in Chicago in 1864.

The grand master issued eight dispensations to form new lodges and reported the placing of fourteen corner-stones.

Under the head of "Decisions," he says:

I have made no decisions, but have answered every communication sent me; and on all matters pertaining to questions of law, I have been able to dispose of them by reference to the by-laws, or decisions of the grand lodge. There are a great many unnecessary questions asked of the grand master. If the officers and members of the local lodges would become more conversant with the laws, four-fifths of the questions asked of the grand master could be properly determined by themselves.

In these remarks he will be seconded by many a brother who has been, is now, or will hereafter be grand master, and the same is true with respect to these words from his conclusion:

I cannot close this report without expressing my high appreciation for the advice and assistance given me by a number of past grand masters, present grand lodge officers, and a host of other brethren. I have found ready response to every inquiry and prompt action to every request.

From the report of R.W. Bro. J. R. McLachlan, grand lecturer, it appears that six general lodges of instruction for lecturers were held, having sessions of three days each and that nearly all of the fifty-six district lecturers held lodges of instruction or were otherwise actively engaged in the promotion of the authorized work—a condition upon which we heartily congratulate our neighbors.

The grand orator, R.W. Bro. I. N. Evrard, delivered what the record calls "a most instructive oration." He quoted some stanzas from Tom H. Cannon and Edmund Vance Cooke and related numerous stories or anecdotes, which doubtless were interesting to listeners. We have not space for the full text of the oration and fear we should not do justice to its instructive character should we attempt any extracts. The grand lodge apparently being in the mood for oratory, addresses were made by Past Grand Masters R. F. Stevenson and C. H. Briggs and brief remarks by M.W. Bro. A. M. Dockery. We regret the lack of space forbids us to make quotations from these inspiring talks.

The committee on recognition of foreign grand lodges recommended that the fraternal relations now existing with foreign grand lodges be continued. They reported that application for recognition had been received from the Grand Lodge of Greece, the Grand Lodge of Italy, the Grand Lodge of Brazil and the Grand Lodge "Cosmos," of Chihuahua, Mexico, but that in the light of the information they had received they could make no recommendation to the grand lodge and the matter was left in abeyance.

The committee further reported that they had been informed that the Grand Lodges of Greece, Italy and Brazil were all making efforts to establish lodges in the United States, thus being guilty of the inva-

sion of territorial jurisdiction, but they disclaimed any positive or satisfactory knowledge on the subject.

There is a long report from the committee on appeals and grievances, giving extended details of many special cases with the names of the accused, and showing a marked contrast in these particulars from the Illinois practice.

In most of these cases, the decision rests either upon local law or upon circumstances incident to the particular case, and therefore are not of such general interest as to justify reproduction, though their publication in the state especially interested may be instructive and helpful in future instances.

The following resolution was introduced by W. Bro. W. T. Jamison:

Resolved, That the grand master may, upon the petition of ten Master Masons in good standing, authorize the formation of clubs to teach the ritual and work of the grand lodge under the supervision and control of the district deputy grand master for the district in which the club is located.

The district lecturer shall be authority in the work and have sole charge of teaching it; and may appoint competent instructors. *Provided,* That the club shall meet in a regularly inspected and dedicated lodge hall, and be duly tiled; and, *further provided,* That none but Master Masons in good standing, and duly vouched for, shall be admitted.

This resolution together with two unsigned papers that were submitted upon the same subject were referred to the committee on ritual, who in turn referred the whole matter to the jurisprudence committee to be reported upon next year.

We shall await the outcome with interest, in the meantime only suggesting the inquiry, why not allow Master Masons to adopt such means as seem best to them for acquiring the authorized work of the jurisdiction, only requiring that when any claim is made that the instruction is authentic that an authorized instructor or grand lecturer must be present? With this precaution the details as to security and surroundings may be safely left in his hands.

The report on fraternal correspondence (226 pp.) is the fourth by M.W. Bro. Rufus E. Anderson, past grand master, who gives six and a half pages to a review of our session of 1907. He quotes from the address of Grand Master Allen, the statistics of our numbers, refers to the passing of R.W. Bro. Dill, and gives a summary of the grand treasurer's report. He notes the re-districting of the state into fifty districts and prints an extract from the report of the trustees of the Homes He also copies the report of the committee on correspondence relating to the recognition of Saskatchewan, the rescinding of the edict of non-

intercourse with Hamburg and the refusal to recognize the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. He also copies in full the report of the same committee on recognized, unrecognized and recognizable grand lodges. He refers very pleasantly to the introduction of Past Grand Master GASH, of Utah, and makes a liberal quotation from his address in the grand lodge.

Of the report on correspondence he says:

This is from the ready pen of M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins and, as usual, is not only entertaining, but highly instructive.

At the conclusion of his report he quotes a personal compliment paid him by the Illinois correspondent and adds:

This, coming from Doc Robbins, not only "tickles our vanity," but encourages us to renewed zeal in our work.

Since the above was sent to the printer we have learned of the death of Brother ANDERSON, and we tender our fraternal sympathy to the brethren of Missouri in the loss of an officer so capable, earnest and lovable.

R. R. KREEGER, grand master, Kansas City, Mo.; JOHN R. PARSON, grand secretary, 510 Pine St., St. Louis.

MONTANA, 1907.

43RD ANNUAL. BUTTE. SEPTEMBER 17.

The records of the Grand Lodge of Montana for the year 1907 contain the minutes of four special communications as well as those of the annual.

The first of the special meetings was held December 27, 1906, to lay the corner-stone of the Masonic Home.

The second occurred May 1, 1907, to attend the funeral of the veteran and dearly beloved grand secretary, M.W. Bro. CORNELIUS HEDGES. The third was at Anaconda, June 5, to lay the corner-stone of new Masonic temple, and the fourth was held at Butte, August 19, to place the corner-stone of a church. We clip the following from the record of the first of these meetings:

After being duly opened, and the purpose of the meeting being stated, the members and attending brethren were placed in charge of the grand marshal and with the members of the Masonic Home committee and several members of the Order of the Eastern Star, including their past grand worthy matrons, Sisters Hedges, Hindson, and Kenyon, with

others, proceeded in sleighs to the site of the Home, about eight miles north by east from Helena, where ample arrangements had been made by the Home committee for the ceremonies and the entertainment of guests, including a sumptuous hot lunch.

In the evening there was a joint installation of lodge officers and a banquet, at which the presence of M.W. Bro. L. A. Goddard, of Illinois, "an honored and welcome guest," was noted.

There is an excellent half-tone picture of the striking face of M.W. Bro. Hedges, and opposite it a memorial page recording prominent points in his history, as follows:

Born in Westfield, Massachusetts, October 28, 1831. Died in Helena, Montana, April 29, 1907. Senior grand warden at organization in 1866. Grand master, 1870-1871. Correspondence writer for thirty-six years. Grand secretary, 1872 to 1907. A zealous advocate of the Masonic Home.

The volume also contains a likeness of M.W. Bro. A. D. Macdonald, grand master, and a brief biographical sketch.

At the annual communication the grand lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. A. D. Macdonald, grand master, assisted by the usual corps of officers. There were present ten past grand masters and twenty-five diplomats, Illinois not being represented on account of the death of Brother Hedges. The grand secretary reported verbally that all lodges of the jurisdiction had made returns and paid dues, and that nearly all were represented by officers or proxies.

In his opening address the grand master spoke fittingly of the passing of M.W. Bro. Hedges, and because of his well known prominence in Masonic annals, the universal respect and love in which he was held, and especially on account of the intimate relations between him and the Illinois correspondent, we quote at some length from Bro. Macdonald's remarks:

On April 29 our venerable and beloved grand secretary, Cornelius Hedges, whose failing health for many months we had all watched with the utmost anxiety, was after a final illness of three weeks, summoned to his reward. Brother Hedges was grand master in 1870, and for thirty-five years was grand secretary of this grand lodge. I presume there is not within the sound of my voice this morning one single person who remembers any other grand secretary; and so, when I say that the news of his death came with a sense of personal loss to each one of us, I make no exaggerated statement.

It is not my purpose to refer at any length to the life and character of our brother. His obituary has been written and placed in the hands of each one of you, and in addition will be published with the proceedings. I shall only say then, that in the course of a long life, Brother Hedges was continuously honored in Masonic preferment as he deserved to be. In return he gave to the institution of Masonry the very best efforts of which he was capable. The many generations of grand officers which he saw come and go, all have felt that without his advice

and timely assistance their work would have been much more difficult. A thorough gentleman, he was at once dignified, courteous and affable, making friends of all with whom he came in contact, and enemies of none. While Masonry may be said to have been his life work, yet his activities were by no means confined to Masonic pursuits. In educational matters, in politics, in the church, he was a tower of strength. In short, our brother was the very best product of the cultured east, developed and broadened by association with the generous and vigorous spirit of the west. The absence of his guiding hand will in the future be keenly felt; but let us feel thankful he was called away before the blasting breath of senility had blighted his splendid mental endowments, and that our latest remembrance of him may be the dear old man directing us with unfailing clearness of perception into the straight and narrow path which it was his desire we should follow.

He died surrounded by those he loved best on earth, full of years and honors; respected, loved and lamented by all who knew him. He died believing that his work was completed, happily and with a perfect assurance of a glorious resurrection; and as we contemplate the peaceful conclusion of his beautiful life we may well imagine him triumphantly exclaiming, "Oh Death, where is thy sting! Oh, Grave, where is thy victory!"

Brother Hedges was especially known to the Masonic world through his work as correspondence committee of his grand lodge, and the author for thirty-six years of its reports.

Few men in the fraternity were more widely known or more generally respected and his departure creates a vacancy at the round table that will not soon be filled.

On account of his death the publication of the proceedings was greatly delayed and the report on correspondence entirely omitted. His son, Cornelius Hedges, Jr., of Helena, was elected grand secretary, and Squire C. Kenyon, of Bozeman, grand master.

MONTANA, 1908.

44th Annual. Helena. September 16.

The clean shaven face, pleasant features and shrine-bedecked lapel of M.W. Bro. Squire C. Kenyon, greet us from the fly-leaf of the plainly printed volume which records the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Montana for the year 1908. First come the minutes of a special meeting held at Lewistown, August 26, 1908, for the purpose of laying the corner-stones of the Fergus county court house and the Masonic temple.

In this double-header the craft were sustained and cheered by the presence of the ladies of the Eastern Star, to whom on motion of Bro. C. B. Nolan a vote of thanks was extended for their attendance. In the evening, work on the sublime degree was exemplified in Lewistown Lodge and this was followed by a generous and tempting banquet, though the record is silent as to any participation by the ladies.

The 44th annual communication of the grand lodge was opened at 9:20 a. m., September 16, 1908, by M.W. Bro. Squire C. Kenyon, grand master, with the usual corps of assistants.

There were ten past grand masters in attendance and twenty-one states were represented by ambassadors, but Illinois was not of the number.

Grand Master Kenyon opened his address in the following reverent words of congratulation and good cheer:

By the grace of the great Father above, we are permitted to meet in this forty-fourth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Montana, to exchange fraternal greetings, and perform such duties as may seem best for the future welfare and happiness of the craft.

The year has been one of great pleasure to me, and I am glad to report that our beloved order is prospering throughout the jurisdiction of Montana. We now have fifty-eight chartered lodges, and four under dispensation, all of which, I believe, are entitled to charters at this session. We have gained 392 members during the year, making a total of 5,082 members up to the 31st day of July. In my visitations, I have tried to impress upon the several lodges that it was quality and not quantity that we wanted.

I bid you welcome to this convocation, and may the Supreme Grand Master, whom we, as Masons, worship and serve, grant that the year to come may be fraught with as many blessings as the past. Montana is yet but in its infancy. I expect that in the next ten years to see our state advance by leaps and bounds, and Masonry cannot but continue to remain abreast of the times.

He reported six decisions, most of them turning on local regulations, and all of them approved by the jurisprudence committee except the *obiter dictum* in one of them, in which he asserted that "a suspended Mason is not a member." Probably, if he had said "a suspended Mason is a member under disabilities" the committee would not have taken a fall out of him.

Three new lodges were constituted and dispensations were issued to institute four others, from which it appears that there is a lively interest in the institution in Montana.

The grand master gives an interesting account of a trip east and of his visits to Buffalo, Philadelphia, Washington and Norfolk, at each of which places he was most courteously received and royally entertained.

Among his recommendations is one, "that the grand secretary be paid a salary sufficient to enable him to perform the duties of his office."

This recommendation was referred to the finance committee, upon whose recommendation the grand secretary's salary was made $1200 per year, with an additional allowance of $100 for an assistant, a tardy recognition of the fact that Brother HEDGES was inadequately paid.

The question was raised whether the dues of a Mason who had been regularly suspended for non-payment of dues could be remitted and the brother reinstated to good standing. The jurisprudence committee answered the question in the affirmative and the grand lodge concurred.

The Illinois law on this subject leaves no room for question by providing that "upon payment or remission of the dues, etc."

That Montana Masons are not lacking in their gallantry to the ladies is proven by the following extract from the record:

The hour appointed to receive the most worthy grand matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the grand matron of Montana, having arrived, the grand master appointed Past Grand Masters Kenyon, Macdonald and Smith to escort the ladies into the hall and present them to the grand lodge.

Grand lodge was then declared *at ease*. (Italics ours.)

The introductory remarks and the speeches in response are given in full, and while we should be glad to quote, we are restricted for room and will content ourselves by saying that the brethren were polite and eloquent and that the ladies were more than a match for them, though we trust that the "ease" of the occasion was not greatly disturbed.

After the resumption of labor, the grand secretary was appointed as a committee to secure a suitable testimonial for the retiring grand master.

As last year's proceedings had not been published, it was moved that the proceedings for 1907 and 1908 be published in one volume, and that the report on correspondence be omitted.

This was amended to the extent of ordering the two years' proceedings to be printed separately, but there is no report on correspondence.

C. B. NOLAN, Helena, grand master; CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Helena, grand secretary.

NEBRASKA, 1908.

51ST ANNUAL. OMAHA. JUNE 9.

The proceedings of the fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska come to us in a well printed volume, without illustrations, enveloped in a cover of belligerent tints of azure which meet two of the specifications of the poetical ideal of "deeply, darkly, beautifully blue." Some day the good taste of the Nebraska brother who bosses the job will take precedence over his sense of symbolic coloring, and then the good printer will give them a handsomer exterior for their record. The session was presided over by M.W. Bro. ORNAN J. KING, grand master, and there were two hundred and seventeen of the two hundred and thirty-seven lodges of the jurisdiction represented. We clip the following from the opening paragraphs of the grand master's address:

During the past year a large measure of prosperity has been meted out to the fraternity in this state, the number initiated being the largest of which we have any record. The net increase is also the largest during any one year in the history of the grand lodge. Our funds are ample, if properly expended, for all necessary purposes; and it can be safely said that at no period of our history have we made greater advancement than during the past year. In reviewing these conditions, however, it is well to call the attention of the several lodges throughout the jurisdiction to the fact that the great element of strength in a fraternity like ours consists not so much in the amount of work done as in the quality of the material received and the manner in which the degrees are conferred. Masonry is an institution peculiar unto itself. It follows none, patterns after none, and competes with none. It is an institution founded for the purpose of impressing upon the minds of its members lessons of morality, obedience to law, and the leading of just and upright lives. Every lesson in Freemasonry is intended to impress upon the minds of its votaries the duties they owe to themselves and to others; and the work of the several degrees should be done so as to make the impressions of the sublime lessons and principles as deep and lasting as possible. A small increase composed of the right kind of material is preferable to untold numbers that might in any way be undesirable. It is therefore well to see that none are admitted except such as are after due trial found worthy.

Under the heading "Fraternal Dead," we find a name that will be familiar to some of the older members of our grand lodge, who knew Brother LININGER previous to 1870, as a resident of Illinois and master of St. John's Lodge No. 13, of Peru. The grand master says:

George Washington Lininger, past grand master, father and president of the Nebraska Masonic Home, died at his residence in Omaha on the evening of June 8, 1907. Thus my first official act was the sad duty of convening this grand lodge in an emergent communication to

attend his funeral, and "to offer up to his memory before the world this last tribute of our affection."

His sudden death was a great shock. He had been in his usual place at the meeting of the committee on jurisprudence and the dinner of the Veteran Masons on the previous Tuesday, where his last message of advice and prophecy was given to those privileged to receive the same. His long and loyal devotion to Masonry, his zealous and generous efforts in establishing the Nebraska Masonic Home, his ever timely counsel and encouragement are enduring monuments to his memory. Truly "Death loves a shining mark."

And this is supplemented by the following from the report of the obituary committee:

By the decree of the Supreme Grand Master, now here, now there, a brother is marked for greater prominence; his spirit, his ability, his inherent force, or his consecration to the pure ideals of the brotherhood are noted, and by the suffrages of his brethren, he ascends step by step the mystic ladder to its topmost round. The death angel marks him also, and then in all the lodges there is lamentation and rejoicing: lamentation at the loss of a leader, and rejoicing in the tender memories of his leadership.

But a few days after our separation a year ago, the brethren of this grand jurisdiction were called upon to mourn the loss of such a leader, and as long as the Grand Lodge of Nebraska remains a living factor in the Commonwealth, the name of George Washington Lininger will be honored. Many bright stars in the constellations of our sister grand lodges have faded, and are missing from their orbits, but none we feel sure, whose places will be so difficult to fill as that of the illustrious brother whose life was a benefaction to the unfortunate, a safeguard to the weak, and an inspiration to us all.

The record further discloses that:

An oil painting of Past Grand Master George W. Lininger and a chair suitably draped were placed in position in the Grand East, and remained there during the communication. Deputy Grand Master De-Bord delivered an eulogy on the life of Brother Lininger, and made suitable mention of the lodge under dispensation that had been named in honor of this distinguished Freemason, and in behalf of the brethren of George W. Lininger Lodge presented to the grand master and through him to all present, a souvenir button with the portrait of the honored brother for whom the lodge had been named. Suitable response and due acknowledgment was made by the grand master on behalf of the grand lodge.

In the list of deceased brethren of other grand jurisdictions we find the name of Bro. Joseph Harrison C. Dill, of Illinois, with the titles past grand master and past grand secretary, an error so far as relates to his being past grand master, but a pardonable mistake in view of the fact that M.W. Bro. Harrison Dills was one of the earlier grand masters of this jurisdiction.

There were twenty-two past grand masters and thirty-eight grand lodge representatives present, among the latter being Past Grand Master GEORGE H. THUMMEL, envoy from Illinois.

During the year the semi-centennial of the grand lodge was celebrated and the grand master made the following report thereon:

Pursuant to the report of the committee on semi-centennial celebration as adopted at our last communication, I appointed a committee of fifteen brethren to arrange for the holding of such celebration, and to provide for the details of the occasion.

In accordance therewith I called an emergent communication of the grand lodge on September 23, and in a most fitting manner the program of the day was executed. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the committee who gave so much of their time for the preliminary work, to those who delivered the addresses, to the lodges of Omaha and vicinity for the interest as shown by the large attendance of their members, to the brethren throughout the state for their presence, and especially to our visiting brethren from the grand jurisdictions of Wisconsin and Washington, who brought fraternal greetings, and whose presence added dignity to the occasion. The day closed with a feeling of satisfaction and pride in all who were in attendance.

Believing that the ceremonies, historical address, and orations were worthy of preservation and distribution, I decided that a souvenir volume should be printed as a further commemoration of the event, and instructed the grand secretary to compile and have such a book published. The sincere thanks of this grand lodge are due to him for the efficient manner in which he has performed the task.

Of the $3,500 appropriated to meet the expense of the anniversary, only $2,467.16 has been expended.

Six dispensations for the formation of new lodges were issued, and ten decisions made by the grand master. All of the later were approved after two of them had been slightly modified by the committee. For the most part they are in accord with Illinois precedents, except that visitors from other jurisdictions must in all cases present documentary evidence before being examined. Where documentary evidence is required, the tendency is towards exalting its importance and a corresponding laxity in the esoteric requirements. The chain letter craze struck Nebraska and was disposed of in the following sensible fashion:

I received a letter from the master of Lily Lodge No. 154, Davenport, calling my attention to a chain letter which had been received, asking for a small contribution, for the purpose of raising a fund to erect a monument to the memory of our martyred president, William McKinley, and asking my opinion as to the legality or propriety of such a movement. To this I replied that having had similar inquiries previously, I had made investigation and found that the post-office department of the United States has a rule prohibiting the raising of money by the chain letter system, and I believe that as Masons, we should not countenance any movement which would violate the laws of our land; I would therefore advise that no attention be paid to any letters received.

The report on correspondence (101 pp.) is by Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps, who gives a brief but comprehensive summary of the business of the Illinois session of 1907, and says of us that we have a thoroughly organized force to carry on instruction. Of the work of the Home board and of Brother Robbins' report he comments as follows:

Their admirable system of relief is represented by a charity committee, the Masonic Home at Sullivan, and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home in Chicago. The reports, embracing the receipts, expenditures, and transactions of these organizations, are full and very interesting to those interested in the noble work being carried forward.

Upon the recommendation of M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins, committee on correspondence, the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was duly recognized, and the edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was rescinded. Eleven lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins again presents an excellent report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty-six pages. He also presents a very interesting special report, which contains a list of grand lodges to which qualified recognition has been given to the extent that will warrant the Masons of the obedience, not only of Illinois, but generally we think, in visiting their lodges, with the consent thereof, and will warrant Illinois lodges, and lodges in other grand jurisdictions in this country, in receiving on like terms the members of the obedience of any of the bodies therein named, as visitors or as applicants for affiliation. It is a valuable contribution. A like work in each grand jurisdiction would be of great value, and assistance to the masters and wardens of chartered lodges everywhere.

William A. DeBord, Omaha, was elected grand master, and Francis E. White, Omaha, was re-elected grand secretary.

NEVADA, 1908.

44th Annual. Reno. June 9.

Present Grand Master Robert Lewers (a half-tone of whom adorns the fly-leaf) and a full line of associate grand officers, except the grand senior warden, the grand secretary and three other minor officers, whose stations and places were filled by temporary appointment.

There were also present nine past grand masters, a past junior grand warden, the representatives of twenty-three lodges and twenty-seven members of the diplomatic corps, including Charles E. Mark, who responded for Illinois at roll call.

The zeal of the grand master and the magnificent distances embraced in Nevada's domain are shown by the following extract from the grand master's address:

Placed for the time being in the dignified and honorable office of grand master, it has been my ambition to do many things for the welfare of our beloved order, but this is a busy world, and we who are compelled by fate to earn our living, are not always masters of our time and must leave many things undone. It was my wish to visit all the lodges in Nevada, and though the number is not large, they lie miles apart and time is needed to visit all.

My first official visit was to Searchlight Lodge No. 31, in the extreme southern part of Nevada, necessitating a trip of eleven hundred miles in going, by way of Los Angeles, and nearly six hundred in returning. I found in Searchlight many earnest Masons, but not one more zealous than Bro. Walter M. Brown, the present master of that lodge. I constituted the lodge with full ceremony and firmly believe that the grand lodge acted wisely in giving the brethren in this somewhat isolated place a charter in order that Masonic light might be spread.

At Las Vegas I had the pleasure of meeting all the officers of Vegas Lodge U.D. at a delightful dinner given by Bro. John S. Park, the very capable master. It was a satisfaction to find that the brothers asking the dispensation were all men of high standing in the community. Bro. John S. Park has been instrumental in building a fine hall for the use of the lodge. I earnestly recommend that a charter be given to this lodge.

In Rhyolite I visited the Masonic club and found a neat and comfortable reading room, and was delighted with the cosy resting place provided for sojourning brethren. While I would rather see a lodge in every place capable of supporting one, and believing that Masonic clubs have some real difficulty in what I may call general tiling, as they have no power to examine visitors, I am inclined to think they accomplish much good and that temporarily they are for the best. There is a transition period in the life of every mining town when it is uncertain whether it is to be or not to be, and during this time such a club as the one at Rhyolite is the best for the purpose.

Equally interesting details are given of visits to several other lodges, but the above will suffice to show that the social features of Masonry and the wants of the inner man are not neglected in Nevada.

A dispensation was granted for a new lodge at Vegas. Under the head of membership the grand master says:

Grand Master Walter J. Harris last year predicted a large increase in membership. When he says a thing it has to come true. Our increase this last year is 204, making a total membership of 1445. Only once has this increase been beaten and that was forty years ago when it was 216. The highest membership the grand lodge ever had was in 1877—1,515. My successor will say that 1909 is the highest. Our lowest membership in recent years was 832 in 1897.

An extract from the grand master's address explains the absence of the grand secretary, Bro. C. N. Noteware:

The sympathy of the grand lodge is with Bro. Noteware and we are all glad to learn that he is improving rapidly. Your grand master is under very many obligations to this veteran Mason for his advice and counsel in the administration of the business of the office. Years of study have made him so familiar with Masonic law that it seems impossible for matters to go wrong in administering our law. In considering the value of his services in this line, as well as others, I am inclined to think we ought to reward him better than we do.

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Bro. George Gillson has kindly taken up the work for the grand secretary and will attend to the duties during the session, as I have strongly urged the grand secretary to stay at home and do nothing but get well, for we cannot spare him.

It appears from the grand master's address that our Nevada brethren are wrestling with the questions of ritual and the identification card system. These are dangerous subjects to place in juxtaposition, because of the temptation "to get things into writing or print."

The grand treasurer reports the receipt of $2,379.35 and the expenditure of $1,795.82, with a cash balance of $3,029.91.

The grand secretary sent in his report and closed it with the following truly Masonic words:

Finally, brethren, though illness forbids my presence with you at your annual communication, still I am with you in spirit. The Most High has raised me up and established me again in strength; and, in my convalescence, it has been a source of great encouragement to me to be able to account to you for so prosperous a Masonic year, and the co-operation of my brethren has likewise been a tower of strength. May we, one and all, so use and improve our Masonry that the grand and noble principles of the craft may be glorified, and, through its glorification, may friendships come into our lives that cannot fail to enrich them.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge "Cosmos," Mexico, and the Grand Orient of Greece, asking recognition. They were referred to the committee on correspondence, with instructions to reoprt at the next annual communication.

On recommendation of the committee on correspondence, fraternal recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The report on correspondence (68 pp.) is by Grand Master Robert Lewers, who reserves his introduction to the reviewer's work till the close of his report and makes it in the following words, which anyone similarly situated is prepared to appreciate:

The writer is perforce of circumstances a volunteer reviewer and has done the work because he is a sincere believer in the necessity of having a correspondence report. We learn by observing others and the experiences of other jurisdictions are always of importance in spreading Masonic light.

We have derived an immense amount of valuable information in running over the reports as carefully as a reviewer must, and have found it of great use in preparing our address as grand master.

He reviews the Illinois session of 1907. After quoting from the statistics given by Grand Master ALLEN he makes the following comments upon Brother ROBBINS' work:

Brother Robbins presents a long and learned report, and one worth while studying. We do not agree with him when he pokes a little fun at the grand masters for urging the desirability of requiring some documentary evidence in addition to the regular examination required of visitors.

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Brother Robbins takes a determined stand on the subject of grand orients and all connected therewith, and we believe his main contention, that grand lodges ought to be autonomous, is absolutely correct. Grand lodges meet upon the level and should be bodies controlling absolutely the three degrees. As to his views on the origin of such bodies we can only say that we cannot have our way in this world as long as they are organized and meet the reasonable requirements of grand lodges, they ought to be recognized and will be recognized on a fair basis. Some lodges may hold out for a long time, but in the end, the various jurisdictions will be compelled by Masonic public opinion to recognize real Masonic bodies.

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Under Iowa, Brother Robbins makes reference to the doings of the World's Masonic Congress of 1893, and corrects the Iowa reference to the failure of securing uniform work. He rightly remarks that the congress did not go into the subject at all. It would have been a most interesting discussion but that would have been all, as the body did not have the power to do anything. The discussions were learned and we remember them with pleasure and satisfaction.

Brother Robbins is up in arms every time he sees a Knight Templar, or a Mystic Shriner, or Master of Kadosh show his head in the grand lodge, and we feel sure that he is right, for the grand lodge is a complete body within itself, and all these good people appear as Master Masons pure—we hope, and simple—Brother Robbins would like to have them. Man fills many stations in this busy world, and when he is in a station, that is the most important thing at the moment.

We say these things in a friendly spirit. It is the exceeding good fortune of the writer of this review to be a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason; to be the Potentate of a Temple of the Mystic Shrine, but when we go into a blue lodge, we are a three-stepper, and the three degrees are all in all in their own proper home.

The trouble with documentary evidence is that it is pretty sure to erect itself into the position of the "main guy" instead of being content to remain an auxiliary. As to "real Masonic bodies," let us suggest that the crux of the matter lies just there—*what are real Masonic bodies?*

Is there any proper test of the genuineness of Masonry save that which Brother ROBBINS has always urged? When Masons generally, and

particularly the "jiner push," fully realize and act upon the fact that Ancient Craft Masonry (the Masonry of the three degrees) is the governing power in the institution and that the so-called higher degrees are descendants and not parents, we shall have less difficulty in understanding what Brother ROBBINS meant when he wrote about "dissenters from the original plan of Masonry."

Brother LEWERS closes his report with the following pleasant remarks:

And now, Brother Robbins, we would fain review your whole report for it is filled with good things, but we know you do not like to have grand masters circumlocuting all the time, so we will have to stop. The only apology we offer is that our veteran reviewer, Brother Vanderleith, wanted a vacation, and the rest of the good reviewers were busy, so we "butted in."

CHARLES L. FULSTONE, Carson City, grand master; C. N. NOTEWARE, Carson City, grand secretary.

NEVADA, 1909.

45TH ANNUAL. CARSON CITY. JUNE 12.

The record of the Grand Lodge of Nevada for this year carries on the fly-leaf a half-tone portrait of M.W. Bro. CHARLES L. FULSTONE, grand master, 1908-1909, and on a later page a likeness of M.W. Bro. PHILIP ANDREW DOYLE, grand master, 1894, who died September 16, 1908. A special communication of the grand lodge was held at Carson City, September 20, 1908, to attend his funeral. A special committee prepared a fitting memorial notice, and Bro. E. D. VANDERLIETH contributed to it the following lines:

Thou mystery of mysteries, death!
Thou removest us from the highway
Of life in the taking of a breath,
And lo! we lie grappling with decay.
Yesterday—life, joyous life—now clay.
Not for a heart-beat are we secure,
Thy hand comes forth from across the reach
And when souls feel strongest to endure,
The mists roll in from Eternity's beach;
The night is starless—nor song, nor speech.

The forty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada convened at Carson City, June 8, 1909, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. CHARLES L. FULSTONE and his regular staff of grand officers.

There were in attendance six past grand masters, a number of other permanent members of the grand lodge, and representatives of twenty-four constituent lodges. The grand master opened his address as follows:

It affords me one of the greatest pleasures in my Masonic career to extend to each and everyone of you a most cordial and sincere welcome to this, the forty-fifth annual communication of this grand body. The pleasure of greeting you is enhanced by the fact this notable gathering of distinguished brethren is held in the city of my home lodge, Carson No. 1, whose members join with me in extending to the various representatives and brethren from the constituent lodges a hearty greeting. From my own personal experience in visiting the different lodges throughout our jurisdiction, I know many of you in coming here have traveled several days, some by rail and others by stage, from remote localities, to be able to meet with us on this occasion; to renew your fidelity to the divine teachings of Masonry, and to assist in enacting legislation that will redound to the credit of our fraternity.

We have assembled to review the work of the past year and to deliberate for greater achievements for the future. I ask your closest attention and careful deliberation on all subjects that may be presented to this grand body for consideration. With grateful hearts let us return our most humble thanks to our Maker for thus permitting us to meet in peace and harmony, for we have good reason to rejoice in the general prosperity of our craft, as well as of our state at large.

He notes the passing of R.W. Bro. L. L. Munn, past grand secretary of Illinois, and of various other distinguished brethren from different states. Under the head of "Decisions," he makes the briefest report we have seen, viz.:

I have had several questions submitted for my decision by the craft, but by reference to our code the desired information was obtained.

He recites his experience in making an even dozen of visitations to as many different lodges, and concludes this part of his address by saying:

I would not feel satisfied with my report on visitations without testifying to the cordial and courteous treatment tendered your grand master. The receptions accorded me by the masters and brethren of the different lodges and the enthusiasm shown will long be remembered. Special mention should be given to the interest manifested on all occasions by the elderly brethren, men who have upheld the lofty principles taught by our order. They were among the first to greet and the last to bid me godspeed on my journey.

He made a number of recommendations about changes in their by-laws and ceremonials, but they are mostly of local application only, and he concludes his only too brief address with the following fraternal words:

To our grand secretary, Bro. C. N. Noteware, I am indebted for valuable assistance rendered during the year. I can bear testimony, the same as my predecessors, of his faithful service to the craft. The thanks

of a grateful heart are due the grand lodge officers for their kind assistance whenever required. The able support accorded me by E. D. Vanderlieth and other brethren by their hearty co-operation is highly appreciated. And now, my brethren, I desire to express my sincere gratitude and warmest thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me, and the deep appreciation for the highest honor within your gift—that of grand master of Masons of Nevada. I have endeavored to serve the fraternity with loyalty and zeal, and I herewith submit my record for your consideration. If I have erred—and what man has not?—it has been from lack of ability and not from any desire to shirk my responsibilities; and now, may the deliberations of this session be full of that spirit of brotherly love which should attend our every action.

The committee on correspondence asked for further time to consider the request of the Grand Lodge "Cosmos" of Chihuahua for recognition, and upon recommendation of the same committee recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Greece. The principal reason given for the latter recommendation being that their information was to the effect that the Bible is used upon the altar and that candidates are required to express a belief in a Supreme Being. As a further reason they state that said grand lodge has received recognition from a long list of regular grand lodges.

If the information of the committee was no more reliable on this head than was the information of a member of the same committee, who later stated that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico had been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, we think it unfortunate that they did not "bide a wee" before committing themselves. We suggest that the genealogy of the constituent lodges be investigated because *that* is the important factor, the first thing needful.

We quote the following from a letter addressed to Grand Secretary Noteware, by the officials of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, anent the consolidation of the two grand lodges in that autonomy:

The Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma were united into one grand body under the name and style of "The Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of the State of Oklahoma," in a convention held at Guthrie on the 10th day of February, 1909.

On February 9, the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma held its regular annual communication and wound up its affairs. The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory met in grand communication on the same day, at the temple, at McAlester, in a meeting called specially for the purpose of closing up all of its affairs, which was done in peace and harmony.

That night, after finishing up its business, the members of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory were taken in a special train of two long sections to Guthrie to attend the convention, arriving there early in the morning of the 10th. The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma met this special train at the depot in Guthrie, and the two grand bodies marched in double file, in a column more than three blocks long, to the big temple, and

all the brethren registered in the new grand tyler's record, made especially for that purpose.

At 2 o'clock p. m., Grand Master Hoag, of Oklahoma, opened the convention with an excellent address, in which he introduced Most Worshipful Leo E. Bennett (who was grand master of Indian Territory at the time the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was organized) as the presiding officer of the convention.

Brother Bennett then introduced Most Worshipful Joseph S. Murrow, that veteran grand secretary, as the secretary of the convention, and Wm. M. Anderson, the grand secretary of Oklahoma, as assistant secretary of the convention.

A constitution has been prepared by a committee of brethren from each grand body, which was presented to the convention and adopted unanimously.

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The convention was then dissolved and the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma was opened in ample form.

On Thursday, February 11, much necessary business was transacted, the appointive officers named, the various committees appointed, and McAlester was selected as the place for holding the next annual communication, which will be on the second Tuesday in February, 1910.

There was not a jar to mar the harmony of all these proceedings; everything passed off with the very best of feeling and most fraternal kindness, and each side vied with the other in seeing which best could work and which best agree. There was not a single dissenting vote in all the proceedings, and there were many incidents showing that these two grand bodies were united in brotherly love and affection, as well as in law, in the most cordial and satisfactory manner.

This union doubles the strength of Masonry in the new state, there being now nearly four hundred lodges and quite twenty thousand members in "The Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma," and it will stand well up among the strong grand lodges of the world.

The commmittee on grand master's address among other things, said:

We approve and highly commend the action of the M.W. grand master in visiting so many lodges during his official term and trust it will set a precedent for future grand masters, and that the matter of his expenses in making these numerous visits be investigated by the finance committee, with the request that they make provision for paying same.

The grand lodge wrestled with the subject of ritual and work, with the following result:

We recommend that the report of the committee upon uniform work, so far as exemplified to this grand lodge, be adopted; that such work be not required to be enforced in any lodge until such time as the grand lodge, or its lawfully constituted authority, has made provision for disseminating such uniform work; that a permanent committee upon uniform work be established, consisting of the grand master and two junior past grand masters, together with two others to be appointed by the grand master, which committee shall also be the custodians of the work; said committee shall have full power and authority to do all things necessary to accomplish such dissemination.

That the matter of the selection of a monitor be left to the permanent committee on uniform work.

It shall be understood that the permanent committee on uniform work shall not have power to make changes in work until the same have been referred to the grand lodge and approved by it.

And this report was adopted.

The report on correspondence (107 pp.) is signed by Bro. EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, grand commissioner of reviews—and by Brethren C. N. NOTEWARE, and ROBERT LEWERS, members of the committee. In his conclusion Brother VANDERLIETH says:

Again our course is run. In our travels we noted that there are more readers of the correspondence reports than formerly, but not nearly as many as there should be. Wherever we have found good reports there we found good Masons and growing Masonry. By becoming readers of these reports, brethren, you are benefitted both morally and mentally. You are better Masons, better informed and more up-to-date. Therefore you are better enabled to make a better fight for better Masonry in your jurisdiction. Get busy, my brothers.

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Legislation against the admission of the liquor seller is growing and growing more involved by its growing. The bookkeeper and the runner of the engine in the brewery, as well as the holder of stock in a like concern, are down and out. The hauler of the beer from the brewery is in danger, thereby endangering all the trainmen on our railroads, and the sky is theatening around and about the raisers of the barley. The drinker is still standing on safe ground.

Right glad are we that Nevada is still true to the standard of Masonry on the question of temperance, and that the blue lodges are allowed to select their material in strict accordance with Masonry's teachings on this subject.

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The Grand Lodge of Tennessee is making a strong fight against cipher rituals. A vigorous circular has been sent to all grand lodges and it has been and is being received with various degrees of commendatory or condemnatory resolutions, in accordance with the practice and usage in the several grand jurisdictions.

The review of Illinois (session 1908) is signed by the initials of Bro. CHARLES J. RULISON, who gives us only a little more than one page, but into it he condenses several items of business and statistics. We make the following extracts:

A great many dispensations were granted, and I note one which was refused (in which I concur), that of granting dispensation for a lodge to attend church as a body; his reasons for refusing set forth the case very plainly and are good and convincing. He recites in detail the great amount of work necessarily done during his term of office, including many official acts dealing with particularly important conditions, and his acts are all approved as a whole. I think that the school of instruction, as conducted and fostered, is good and conducive to the purposes intended—uniformity of work and proficiency.

The M.W. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was accorded recognition and invited to an exchange of representatives.

The address of G.O. R.W. Elmer E. Beach, subject International Brotherhood, is a strong and able appeal for universal peace, and one which, after looking at the brother's photo, which, by the way, is the only reproduction in this volume, you might well expect to emanate from so strong a character.

The report on correspondence consists of 349 pages of good, sound Masonic thought gathered from proceedings from all over the world and is by Bro. Joseph Robbins.

Just how Brother Rulison made so palpable an error regarding our action *in re* Valle de Mexico, we do not quite understand. Possibly he was only forecasting what the future may develop.

Frank H. Norcross, Carson City, grand master; C. N. Noteware, Carson City, grand secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1908.

41st Annual. Saint John. August 25.

This volume has a half-tone portrait of Grand Master John S. D. Chipman.

Four past grand masters and twenty-five representatives of other grand lodges were present, R.W. Bro. William A. Dougherty appearing for Illinois.

The grand master delivered his address, in course of which he said:

After having been elected your grand master, I intended to show my appreciation of the honour by paying an official visit to all of the lodges in the jurisdiction during my tenure of office, but circumstances over which I had no control, and many important business engagements unexpectedly arising, prevented me from carrying out my good intentions, so that I was unable to make more than thirteen visits, but among the number, I had the very great pleasure of opening up a new lodge at Edmundston, of which reference will be made later on in this report.

He announced the deaths of Arthur Isaac Trueman, past grand master; George M. Jarvis and Frederick W. Thomson, past deputy grand masters; John D. Short, past senior grand warden; William D. Forster and John McKenzie, past junior grand wardens.

It was announced that a commission as grand representative had been issued to R.W. Bro. John C. Weis, of Illinois.

The grand treasurer reported $5,544 in the fund of benevolence.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of Washington relative to the Hague Conference, which had been referred by grand lodge, at its last annual meeting, to the board of general purposes, was very carefully considered, and the board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

That the board of general purposes thoroughly agree in the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington, and heartily support the principle of working towards an eventual disarmament of the nations and universal peace throughout the world, and recommend these subjects to the favorable consideration of the craft under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge.

The resolution was approved by the grand lodge.

Bros. Frank L. Tufts, George Ackman, Herbert C. Creed and Fred O. Sullivan, grand representatives of the Grand Lodges of Queensland, Valle de Mexico, Ohio, and Saskatchewan, presented their commissions. Thereupon they were conducted to the East and presented to the grand master, and were accorded the grand honors.

The attention of grand lodge was called by M.W. Past Grand Master Ellis to the fact that the grand secretary was now entering upon his twelfth consecutive year of service in that office. He moved:

That the rank and dignity of past senior grand warden be conferred upon V.W. Bro. J. Twining Hartt in view of the term of office already filled by him as grand secretary.

The motion having been seconded by R.W. Bro. Edwin J. Everett, P.G.M., was carried.

Then a more substantial token of esteem was conferred by increasing the salary of the grand secretary to $400.

There are thirty-eight lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 2,685, the net increase during the year being 184.

Forty-one dispensations were issued under the authority of the grand master, ten of which were for lodges to attend divine service clad in Masonic regalia.

The library committee reported having made an arrangement by which a room in the Masonic hall in Saint John will be exclusively used for library purposes, and the same has been fitted up with closed bookcases.

John S. D. Chipman, of Saint Stephen, re-elected grand master; J. Twining Hartt, of Saint John, re-elected grand secretary.

There is no report on correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1908.

119TH ANNUAL. CONCORD. MAY 20.

The frontispiece is a half-tone portrait of the grand master, WILLIAM ALBERTO PLUMMER.

The record opens with a report of a special communication of the grand lodge held at Manchester, June 25, 1907, for the purpose of participating in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Washington Lodge.

This is followed by the minutes of the semi-annual meeting held at Manchester, December 27, 1907, at which there were present the full line of grand lodge officers, many past grand officers and a large number of lodge representatives.

The main purpose of the meeting appears to have been the exemplification of the work of the jurisdiction, the first and second degrees being rehearsed in the afternoon and the third degree in the evening.

A special communication was held at Dover, March 4, 1908, to dedicate the Masonic hall of Strafford and Moses Paul lodges, and another at Franklin, April 17, 1908, to attend the funeral of M.W. Bro. JOHN HIRAM ROWELL.

The 119th annual communication of the grand lodge convened at Concord, May 20, 1908, the record thereof being preceded by an excellent group picture of the six elective officers of the grand lodge.

There were present twelve past grand masters, the representatives of fifty-six lodges (as compared with sixty-eight at the semi-annual meeting) and thirty-three envoys representing other grand lodges, but not including the brother who holds that place for Illinois.

In his address the grand master, M.W. Bro. WILLIAM A. PLUMMER, reported the issuance of many dispensations for installing officers in public, for holding meetings in other than Masonic halls and a variety of other purposes.

We notice the granting of a dispensation to Moses Paul Lodge No. 96 and Strafford Lodge No. 29 to dedicate the new Masonic hall at Dover to Masonic purposes. As already noted in this review there was a special communication of the grand lodge held at Dover, March 4, to dedicate this hall, and we are somewhat puzzled to understand whether it was the tail or the dog that got the benefit of the dispensation.

Grand master says anent this occasion:

It was impossible for me to attend the dedication of the Masonic temple at Dover, and R.W. Bro. Frederick W. Sawyer, deputy grand master, very kindly consented to act in my absence, and I received from him the following report:

"In compliance with your request I, as deputy grand master, dedicated the new Masonic temple at Dover in due and ancient form, on the evening of February 20, 1908.

"The brethren of Dover have demonstrated their courage and Masonic enthusiasm by building a splendid temple to replace the one destroyed by fire on March 29, 1906. The Masonic apartments are most spacious and convenient, and the furnishings and decorations display a quiet beauty which is most pleasing to the eye.

"The dedication was indeed a memorable event in the annals of Masonry in New Hampshire. Nearly eight hundred Masons gathered there, coming from all the surrounding towns and cities. The grand lodge was well represented by its regular officers and permanent members.

"The dedicatory program was successfully carried out with the assistance of the Schubert Male Quartette of Boston.

"M.W. Past Grand Master George I. McAllister delivered a very able and interesting address. The Dover brethren entertained the grand lodge and all visiting brethren in a most royal manner, and deserve great credit for the successful manner in which all the details of the event were carried out."

Among the decisions reported by the grand master we find the following, which is of more than local interest:

At the time a brother joined a lodge, the lodge had a by-law that after a member had paid his dues for twenty-five years he should be exempt from paying further dues. The brother referred to paid his dues for twenty-five years and then claimed he was exempt from paying further dues under above by-law. But several years before this the lodge legally amended its by-laws as it was authorized to do, by striking out the provision that a member after paying dues for twenty-five years should be exempt from paying further dues. Can the lodge collect dues of the brother under its amended by-laws?

Answer—Yes. The lodge had a right to amend its by-laws as it did, and having that right, the brother must pay his dues. When he became a member of the lodge and signed its by-laws, they contained a provision that after he had paid dues for twenty-five years he should be exempt from paying further dues; but there was also a provision in the by-laws that they might be amended, and how it might be done, and when he signed the by-laws he agreed and consented to both of the above provisions. That being so, the by-laws being properly amended in accordance with the provisons contained therein, the brother must be bound by the amended by-laws and must therefore pay his dues.

This was approved by the committee on jurisprudence and adopted by the grand lodge.

Concurring in the recommendation of the jurisprudence committee the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Valle de Mexico were accorded fraternal recognition.

The jurisprudence committee made a special report on the subject of "Dual and Life Membership," from which we make the following extracts:

We believe no man can serve two masters loyally and faithfully at the same time, and that no brother can be a loyal and zealous member of two Masonic lodges at the same time.

If a brother belongs to two lodges in the same state, or in different states, and does his full duty to one, he must of necessity neglect the other. It is contrary to good common sense and wise public policy for a man to belong to two political parties, or to two churches, or have a legal residence in more than one town at the same time. There is a grand lodge in each state in our union, which has its own constitution and is supreme within its territorial limits. What would be a Masonic offense under the laws of our grand lodge, might not be considered a violation of Masonic law in the Grand Lodge of New York, or of any other state. In such a case one of our brothers might be punished for a Masonic offense in our grand lodge and at the same time be in good standing in a lodge of which he was a member in New York, or in any other jurisdiction.

If we should adopt the principle of dual membership, and fraternal relations should cease to exist between our grand lodge and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and a member of one of our lodges should also be a member of a lodge in Massachusetts, to which grand lodge would the said brother then owe allegiance, and which grand lodge would have jurisdiction over him? What would be his Masonic status? Such a state of affairs is not impossible, and if it should exist would certainly be embarrassing and intolerable.

We think that dual membership is undesirable, and that it is not calculated to advance the best interests of Freemasonry and to promote peace and harmony among the craft.

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Masonry is a democratic institution whose members should enjoy equal rights and privileges, and should share equally the financial burdens.

Life membership is really class legislation, which is always undesirable. The legitimate expenses of lodges are increasing, and we cannot tell what the dues of a particular lodge will probably be ten, twenty or thirty years hence. If the principle of life membership should be adopted, a brother should pay into the lodge a sum of money sufficient to produce an income annually equal to the amount of the dues he would otherwise be required to pay, and the lodge should keep the principal as a fund during the time the brother is a member.

It is somewhat difficult to safely invest money for a long period of time. Investments of such a fund might prove a failure; the fund might be lost—such funds have been lost—and then the lodge, being deprived of the principal, would lose the dues of the life member for the remainder of his life membership.

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We are of the opinion that it would be unwise to establish the principle of life membership in our grand lodge for the reasons above stated.

The grand lodge adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this grand lodge does not favor the principles of dual membership and of life membership and declines to adopt either of them.

Bro. HARRY M. CHENEY, the committee on correspondence, gives four of his one hundred and sixty-eight pages to Illinois, reviewing our session of 1907. He gives a summary of the principal business of the meeting showing a careful reading, and notices the fact that our jurisprudence committee were able to report that nothing had been referred to them for consideration.

He says of Brother ROBBINS' report:

The report of the committee on Masonic correspondence is by M.W. Bro. JOSEPH ROBBINS, who, to all of us, is of the *ne plus ultra* kind. It covers three hundred and thirty-six printed pages, and affords to the reader thereof a feast that is unsurpassed. He, of course, provokes discussion, but defends himself stoutly. Where he does not convince, he impresses, so much so that one is impelled to retrace the processes which have led to a conclusion, to satisfy that no error has been made.

He quotes in full Brother ROBBINS' report of grand lodges given full recognition, qualified recognition and no recognition.

FREDERICK W. SAWYER, Milford, grand master; FRANK D. WOODBURY, Concord, grand secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1909.

122ND ANNUAL. TRENTON. APRIL 21.

The pleasant smooth-shaven face of M.W. Bro. WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL, in well-executed half-tone, adorns the fly-leaf of the New Jersey proceedings for 1909. The first twenty-four pages of the record give reports of eight emergent communications of the grand lodge, three of which were for constituting new lodges, two for placing corner-stones and the other three for the funerals of Past Grand Master JOSEPH WILLIAM MARTIN, Past Grand Treasurer CHARLES BACHTEL and Past Grand Secretary THOMAS H. R. REDWAY.

The grand lodge convened in annual session at Trenton, April 21, 1909, Grand Master WILLIAM D. WOLFSKEIL presiding. There were present the usual line of grand officers, eleven past grand masters, nineteen of the twenty district deputy grand masters, the representatives

of 176 (all but eight) lodges, and forty-six members of the diplomatic corps, not including the representative from Illinois.

In his address the grand master, among other good things, said:

It may not be amiss at the opening of the grand lodge, when the representative men of the craft are assembled, to revert to first principles and consider briefly the significance and true aim of Masonry.

Probably there is no better name for Masonry than the Science of Right Living. Like every other science, moral or physical, in order to be rightly estimated, this must be studied in its history and philosophy.

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It stands today jeweled with the dews of morning and graced with all the charm of youthful vigor and beauty. Its towers are gilded with the perpetual sunlight of success and the body of its temple redolent with the atmosphere of previous memories.

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Splendid as is its historic glory, it is only, however, when we enter the inmost shrine and catch the spirit rather than the letter of Masonry, that the compelling power of its merits is fully realized. The external, beautiful and impressive as are rites and ceremonies—and symbolism is never without great objective value in attracting the senses through which the approach to the soul has to be made—is insignificant as compared with the internal. It is the difference between the temporal and the eternal, the material and spiritual.

Masonry justifies its existence not by antiquity, but by principle, which, doubtless, accounts for its antiquity. Its supreme object is to develop character, a character that is to be as strong in spiritual elements and as firmly knit together as the marble blocks and the bond of Masonry that gave strength and beauty to Solomon's temple. To bind men together in the everlasting and immutable principles of truth, virtue and love, with a hold that is as strong as right itself and as enduring as humanity; to recognize man only as man; to teach that true men the world over should unite and contend for the supremacy of good over evil; to teach, not politics, but morals; to foster no partisanship, but the recognition of real merit wherever found; to have no narrower limits in which to work for the elevation of man than the outlines of a world; with such inspiration the outcome could not have been less than the embodiment of what is truest and best and noblest in life.

Upon the subject of physical qualification the grand master reported as follows:

One hundred and two applications for permission to receive and act upon petitions of persons having visible physical defects have been submitted to me for decision. In every case I have caused the petitioner to be personally examined by the district deputy of the district wherein he resided, and upon receipt of report, have granted or refused permission to ballot, in accordance with my understanding of the law as to the petitioner's physical ability to literally conform to all the requirements of Ancient Craft Masonry. Eighty applications were granted and twenty-two refused. The records of all the cases are on file in the offices of the grand secretary and grand master.

It puzzles us to know what power of perception, or what authority to judge whether an applicant for degrees "can literally conform to the requirements of Masonry" is vouchsafed to a grand master, that is not equally possessed by every intelligent Master Mason to whom the facts are open. Why not place the responsibility primarily on the individual member, where it belongs, and then hold the lodge to a strict accountability for any infringment of a landmark?

We know of an instance where under this plan a lodge charter was suspended, and that wholesome example served as a warning that deterred any repetition of the offense within a wide circuit for several years. It is neither good policy, good sense nor good Masonry to attempt to shift to the grand master's shoulders a responsibility that belongs to every member of the lodge and which every intelligent Master Mason should be prepared and proud to assume.

If the grand master could have had the benefit of what his own committee on correspondence said and quoted on page 39 of the report in the volume now under review, he could easily have modified his attitude for the better on the subject of what he calls "perpetual PENAL jurisdiction," and which, by the way, is shown in the quotation above mentioned to be an impossible mixing of adjectives. But not to condemn the most worshipful brother without a hearing, we quote a few sentences from his report:

It is my belief that our position in claiming perpetual penal jurisdiction over a rejected petitioner, who has acquired a Masonic residence elsewhere, is erroneous.

The discussion of "plenary" or "penal" jurisdiction in North America —the United States, at least—has wandered so far afield from the early English practice (none other is worth considering as affording original precedents), that the jurisdiction of a lodge over a rejected applicant impliedly means something quite different from what it used to be.

The practice in lodges in Great Britain is still to regard the congeniality of the applicant as the first and most important qualification. The rejection by a lodge, therefore, means no more than to exclude the petitioner from that lodge—not at all from Masonry.

That the English practice is the only one worth considering as a precedent and that Great Britain regards the congeniality of the candidate as the first and most important qualification, will probably strike our readers as an argument more unique than convincing against the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates.

On this subject the committee on jurisprudence reported as follows:

Your committee on Masonic jurisprudence, to whom was referred as much of the address of the most worshipful grand master as refers to the question of perpetual penal jurisdiction, would report that they have given the words of the most worshipful grand master their careful consideration, and they are of the opinion that he is in error in

holding that in insisting upon perpetual penal jurisdiction this grand lodge assumes the position of being better or better judges of proper Masonic material than other grand lodges.

The position of this grand lodge is simply that a rejection has resulted from knowledge by the rejecting lodge of facts showing that the candidate is an improper person to be made a Mason. If there has been a reformation the rejecting lodge would doubtless grant a waiver. If there has been no such reformation the candidate should not be admitted to the fraternity. With our liberal provision with regard to such waivers we do not believe that any injustice can be done to either a candidate or to any lodge. Of course, we do not assume to dictate to any foreign jurisdiction as to who they shall make Masons. We only insist that we will not recognize as Masons those who have been rejected by a lodge in this jurisdiction, presumably on the ground of unworthiness, until such lodge has removed the cloud thus cast upon the candidate's character. We therefore recommend that no action be taken on this portion of the address of the most worshipful grand master.

The report of the committee after considerable discussion was not concurred in, and the grand lodge settled the question for the time being by unanimously adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That penal jurisdiction shall be retained over rejected petitioners by the rejecting lodge so long as the rejected petitioner continues to reside within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, and penal jurisdiction shall be terminated only by a bona fide removal from the state or the consent of the rejecting lodge.

There has been so much discussion of and such general interest in the "negro question" that has arisen between the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Mississippi, that at the expense of unusual space we quote what Grand Master Wolfskeil says on the subject under the head of "Sister Jurisdictions," because it not only throws light upon the present controversy, but also gives historical data of interest:

Our relations with all other grand jurisdictions continue to be happily fraternal, with perhaps one exception. In August last I received a letter from the grand master of Mississippi, in which he stated that he "had heard that there is a lodge in your grand jurisdiction composed of negroes, and that your grand lodge permits the initiation and affiliation of negroes as Masons," and requesting to be advised if this is true. I at once replied, supposing the inquiry to have been prompted by personal curiosity, which I had satisfied by a brief relation of the facts in regard to our Alpha Lodge No. 116. After an interval of several months, I received this letter:

"Meridian, Miss., January 14, 1909.

"*Mr. William D. Wolfskeil:*

Yours of August 25, advising me that negroes are initiated and affiliated in your grand jurisdiction, is received.

"Our grand lodge holds differently. Masonry never contemplated that her privileges should be extended to a race totally morally and intellectually incapacitated to discharge the obligations which they assume or have conferred upon them in a Masonic lodge. It is no answer

that there are exceptions to this general character of the race. We legislate for the race and not for the exceptions.

"We hold that affiliation with negroes is contrary to the teachings of Masonry, and is dangerous to the interest of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

"Therefore, I, E. J. Martin, grand master of Masons in the State of Mississippi, do order that fraternal correspondence between the Grand Lodge of Mississippi and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey be and is hereby discontinued until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey shall see fit to desist from her present practice of initiating or affiliating negroes as Masons.

"With my best personal regards, I am, sincerely yours,

"Edwin J. Martin,
"Grand Master."

Some of the correspondence between grand masters is prompted by an overburdening sense of responsibilty for the good conduct of the craft, often enough outside of their own jurisdictions, and common courtesy suggests that such instances of emotional activity be kept where they belong, in the private records of the grand master.

I would not make mention of this matter to this grand lodge, as I have no knowledge of any official action by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in support or denial of the pronunciamento of its grand master, but for the fact that the Associated Press wires were used as an agency to disseminate the story of Mississippi's exclusion of herself from the taint or tint of fraternal correspondence with New Jersey, and the consequent publicity brought to me many inquiries as to what this "brain storm" was all about from brethren of our own jurisdiction.

This greatly surprised me until it was remembered that the lapse of thirty-eight years had brought into active Masonic life and interest a generation which knew little or nothing of the history of a matter always misunderstood and nearly always misrepresented when mentioned.

I feel no call to enlighten the nescience of other jurisdictions in the premises, but I do consider it my duty to briefly set forth the facts as shown by our grand lodge records for the enlightenment of our own present membership.

In 1870, Grand Master Cannon, in his address to grand lodge in eighty-third annual communication, called attention to an application of colored Masons for recognition and connection with this grand lodge then to be presented, and bespoke for them consideration and careful inquiry as to their claims. The matter was referred, on recommendation of the committee on grand master's address, to the committee on jurisprudence and charity. This committee reported that while the petition of these colored persons claiming to be Masons, praying recognition and enquiring as to the proper steps to be taken by them to bring themselves within the jurisdiction of the grand lodge, was respectful and entitled to courteous consideration, yet the questions involved were of great and increasing importance and required more careful and studious investigation than could be accorded at the present session, and therefore recommended that they be referred to a special committee for due consideration and report at the next annual communication.

The special committee appointed to consider the matter consisted of Past Grand Masters Trimble and Whitehead and W. Henry Vehslage, who subsequently became grand master.

In 1871 this committee made a report covering five pages of the proceedings (233-4-5-6-7), in which they dealt with the subject exhaustively, quite aware that it had been referred to them not merely to point out the technical defects under and by reason of which the application for a lodge could not be granted.

The examination of the claims of these petitioners to legitimacy as descendants of African Lodge No. 454, warranted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1784, subsequently transformed into the pseudo-Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the subsequent founding of lodges of colored men, was briefly, but clearly submitted, and the conclusion of the committee that recognition could not be accorded to them by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was based on a recital of historic details and conditions, which so far are unaffected by the lapse of time.

Remembering the personnel of that committee, than whom no abler Masonic jurists ever adorned our Grand East, it was to be expected that their report would include an indication of the right way to become a Mason, under the landmarks of the fraternity.

They "deemed it consistent with the duty assigned them to intimate to the petitoners that there is one, and but one, regular way in which their purpose of affiliation with this grand lodge can be realized, and that is by pursuing the same process to which all profanes are subjected. The doors of the Masonic lodges in New Jersey are open to all *men,* freeborn and of lawful age, of every clime, of every color and of every creed, who declare their trust to be in God, have passed the scrutiny of a committee of a lawful lodge and have achieved the favorable verdict of the secret ballot;" and in not one jot or tittle has this interpretation of the law of Masonry been altered or changed in this state.

Let it be carefully noted that this examination and report on the claims of the so-called Prince Hall Masons closed the incident, and it has never been re-opened in New Jersey.

At the same communication of the grand lodge, an application was received from nine demitted Masons of our own regular lodges, possessed of every statutory qualification, accompanied by the recommendation of St. John's Lodge No. 1, for a lodge in Newark, and upon the favorable report of the committee on dispensations and warrants, a warrant was granted to them, to be hailed as Alpha Lodge No. 116, and said lodge was duly constituted by Grand Master William E. Pine on January 27, 1871. On the twenty-fourth of the following month he arrested the warrant, upon a complaint that it had been obtained from the grand lodge by deceit and misrepresentation, and the evident conjecture "that certain proceedings of the lodge had a tendency to disturb the peace and harmony of the craft in this jurisdiction," although from surviving participants in the event, and as confirmed by the action of the grand lodge a year later, it is learned that no ground for suspicion existed, that it was the intention of the warrant members of Alpha Lodge to receive the petitions of colored men, at the time the warrant was sought and granted.

The warrant was impounded until 1872, when his action was reported to grand lodge by Grand Master Pine, and the matter referred to the committee on petitions and grievances, which reported a very full examination of the grounds of the complaint and the grand master's action, and agreed that the most worshipful grand master acted properly in arresting the warrant of Alpha Lodge No. 116, but we find nothing in the record that includes or suggests the subject matter of the unmasonic conduct which apparently justified the act. Discussion of this report was twice taken up at this communication, and the record indicates that the subject was left to grand lodge for disposition, and on page 454 of the Proc. 1872, appears a motion "that the warrant of Alpha Lodge No. 116, be restored to said lodge, was agreed to."

Of the conduct or administration of the affairs of Alpha Lodge, after its warrant had been returned to it, no one now alive may justly offer criticism. It may be safely assumed that every grand master succeeding M.W. William E. Pine, kept that lodge under watchful supervision, and became satisfied that every petitioner for membership was dealt with in literal and exact conformity to the rules of this grand lodge and the regulations governing the craft.

That some of the colored persons who made the original application to the grand lodge in 1870 for recognition as Masons and to be created into a lawful lodge, were subsequently petitioners to Alpha Lodge, and were duly initiated, passed and raised therein, and that the lodge has, during most of the thirty-eight years of its existence, included Masons of negro descent in its membership, is the fact.

It is believed that in no other lodge in this grand jurisdiction is there a Mason of negro descent, and while the present sociological conditions prevail it is unlikely that self-respecting colored citizens will seek membership in other than the organizations of the Prince Hall derivation, which are known to exist in this state, as in every other state of the union.

On this subject we do not here care to comment at any great length. We freely concede to these sovereign grand lodges the power and right to control each for itself its own internal affairs, and we are willing that they should settle between themselves any differences which may arise, but when the broad statement is made that "we legislate for the race and not for the exceptions" we venture the opinion that the ground is untenable from the viewpoint of those who teach that "Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion."

We believe that applicants for Masonic preferment should be judged by their individual merits and not by the faults or color of their race.

Although we have already quoted from the grand master's address at unusual length, we are unwilling to omit the following noble sentiments from his conclusion, words for which we heartily say, thank you:

Brethren, I want the end of this address to be logically consistent with its beginning. In opening I justly extolled Masonry, its history and principles. In conclusion, would emphasize our personal responsibility as members of so privileged an institution and as custodians of so priceless a charge.

Unless I misread the signs of the times, there is writ large upon the face of this century that impelling word SERVICE.

It would seem that institutions are to be judged in this twentieth century, as never before, upon their ability and willingness to be of use to mankind. This is to be the humane age, as distinguished from the theologic, scientific, analytic, all of which terms have characterized certain past ages. If this contention is right, now is Masonry's great opportunity, her accepted time, her day of salvation.

The grand lodge had the pleasure of welcoming as a visitor His Excellency the Governor of New Jersey, who was received with appropriate ceremonies and introduced as Brother JOHN FRANKLIN FORT, of Hope Lodge No. 124.

Other distinguished visitors were:

M.W. Henry I. Bears, Jr., grand master, M.W. Thomas J. Day, P.G.M., M.W. Harry J. Guthrie, P.G.M., and R.W. Lewis B. Morrow, P.G. treasurer, of Delaware; R.W. J. Henry Williams, junior grand warden, Brothers Thomas D. Finletter, Samuel A. Boyle, Robert R. Bringhurst, George Hale, district deputy grand masters, and Bro. John A. Perry, deputy grand secretary, of the grand jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

All of whom were fittingly received and eloquently introduced, some of them responding in no less fraternal and inspiring words. We regret that lack of space forbids quotations from these excellent speeches.

The report on foreign correspondence is from the experienced pen of R.W. Bro. ROBERT A. SHIRREFS, who generously allots to Illinois four of his 150 pages.

He quotes from the opening portion of Grand Master BELL'S address at our session of 1908; refers to the death of R.W. Bro. BARNARD, whom he calls one of the best known Masons in the middle states, and gives his readers the benefit of several statistical items contained in various reports of our grand lodge officers.

He speaks with approval of Brother BELL'S letter to lodges on the formation and recommendation of new lodges; notices the change in our corporate name, and says that "the gravely dignified, but attractive features of Grand Orator BEACH are a guarantee that his oration was good." He also notices the introduction and reference to special committee of a resolution looking to the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

Of the report of Brother ROBBINS on correspondence he says:

From the pages of M.W. Brother Robbins' report on Masonic correspondence (we are proud of the number, but refrain from saying how many), due to his examination of New Jersey's proceedings for 1908, we gather food for thought and ground for improvement.

On the subject of jurisdiction over rejected candidates he writes:

Grand lodges and grand masters generally seem to regard lodges as unable to square themselves properly in these cases of rejected candidates fleeting away to the nearest ferry and getting into a lodge in a nearby jurisdiction, sometimes lying themselves into good company, sometimes waiting patiently about until a year has elapsed and so forth; and then, clothed as a Master Mason, entering the lodge of their original rejection and twiddling thumb and fingers at nose in addition to the proper sign on entry. The American right of visitation would get a jolt, and the proud visitor get a new idea of his rights, if the matter were left to the lodge visited.

J. Clarence Conover, Freehold, grand master; Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, grand secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1908.

31st Annual. Albuquerque. October 19.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico open with the records of special communications at Albuquerque, November 21, 1907, to install the grand treasurer-elect; at Hope, December 6, to constitute Penasco Lodge; at Estancia, December 7, to constitute Estancia Lodge; at Elida, December 7, to constitute Elida Lodge; at Roswell, December 21, to install the grand lecturer; at Silver City, December 27, to install the junior grand deacon, and at Carlsbad, December 27, to install the grand chaplain. Let us remark in passing that in Illinois it is the usual practice for the grand master to authorize a special proxy to install any grand lodge officer of the line who is not present in grand lodge for the ceremony, and that the installation may take place in any regularly constituted lodge when assembled in stated meeting.

There is also the record of an emergent communication of the grand lodge at Albuquerque, March 6, 1908, to attend the funeral services of Past Grand Master William Burr Childers, and of another emergent communication at Las Cruces, June 21, 1908, to give Masonic burial to the remains of Past Grand Master Elias Elwood Day.

The thirty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was opened at Albuquerque, October 19, 1908, Grand Master J. W. Willson, presiding. There were present besides the regular line of grand officers, twelve district deputy grand masters, ten past grand masters, eleven past deputy grand masters, eight past senior grand wardens, ten past junior grand wardens, and the representatives of twenty-nine lodges.

We quote the following from the address of the grand master:

The last Masonic year has been one of prosperity for the craft in this grand jurisdiction. The lodges, as a general rule, have been fortunate in having competent and zealous brothers in charge; most excellent work has been accomplished; many new lodges have been formed; and above all peace and harmony have prevailed, not only between the several subordinate lodges, but, with few exceptions, among the individual brethren as well.

He reported the granting of six dispensations to form new lodges.

Among the dispensations for special purposes we note that some of them are for holding special or emergent communications of the grand lodge. In Illinois we reach the same end by a somewhat different process. The grand master appoints a special proxy for a specially designated purpose, authorizing said proxy to open an "occasional" grand lodge therefor.

Several dispensations that were asked for were refused, among them one to initiate a maimed candidate, and another to afford Masonic burial to a non-affiliate because he had been unaffiliated more than one year.

The grand master remarks of the latter that he afterwards learned that the brother had been without the order more than twenty years, which we are to infer multiplies the reason of his refusal by twenty, and causes one to ponder on the beauties of compulsory legislation to compel affiliation. In this connection we quote two of the grand master's decisions, which were approved by the committee and the grand lodge.

7. During the year, several lodges requested a ruling whereby initiates shall be required to prepare themselves and apply for advancement in Masonry.

I answered these requests, in substance, by stating that Masonry does not, under any circumstances, attempt to, or even desire to force a candidate to advance to the next higher degree against his will; that, if he is not sufficiently impressed with the beauties of Masonry after being initiated, to seek further promotion, by simply being afforded the opportunity, the craft suffer less by having him remain an apprentice than were he to be advanced to the higher degrees.

8. Held that a non-affiliated Mason, even though he hold a dimit which is more than one year old, if otherwise in good standing, has the right to assist in forming a new lodge and to make application as charter member thereof.

We also quote the following from the report of the committee on grand master's address:

We also approve his action in refusing to grant certain dispensations, but recommend, however, that according to New Mexico law, the burial by a lodge of non-affiliates should be left to the discretion of the subordinate lodge, to which the request has been made, thereby affirming the decisions of Grand Masters Poe and Stover.

From the conclusion of the grand master's address we clip the following:

With the exception of dispensations granted for forming new lodges, my official acts are somewhat brief. This, however, is not to be understood as indicating a loss of interest in Masonry in and among our chartered lodges during the past year, but, to the contrary it shows that peace, harmony and prosperity have prevailed within this grand jurisdiction. A great many of our lodges, especially the stronger ones, are fortunate enough to have among their membership distinguished Masons; men who have served this grand lodge and who are ever ready to prevent controversies and contentions. I consider that we are especially fortunate in having so many of our past grand masters to assist the officers and brethren of subordinate lodges in promoting and upbuilding their respective lodges.

While I have not been able to visit a great many of the lodges, I have ever been in close touch with them through competent advisors and can intelligently report that Masonry has prospered within New Mexico during the past year as never before. However, my brethren, we have no right to be satisfied with present conditions, for should we reach that point where ambition no longer stimulates, growth and progress will stop and decline and decay begin.

We are glad to see that Bro. James A. Worth, chairman of the correspondence committee and a member of the committee on grand master's address, in the latter capacity, presented the following minority report:

The undersigned, a member of the committee on grand master's address, desires to present a minority report. I heartily agree with the report already read, and accept the conclusions of the committee, save that recommendation of the grand master which desires that all correspondence between lodges of different jurisdictions must be carried on through the office of the grand master.

It is my impression and belief that such matters are an inherent right which no grand lodge can take away from its subordinates, and I believe that Masonic history will prove that in the formation of grand lodges by subordinate lodges, this is one of the rights that were not given up by subordinate lodges, and that legislation in this matter by a grand lodge is a violation of the rights of its component members.

Although the grand lodge concurred in the majority report, we are confident that the position of the minority is right and that it will ultimately prevail. A resolution was adopted extending the sessions of the grand lodge to three days instead of two, to become operative in 1909.

The report on correspondence (119 pp.) is by Bro. James A. Worth, who has opinions and convictions and possesses the courage to express them. He reviews the proceedings of our session of 1907, and says of the address of Grand Master Allen that it gives an unusually full and complete statement of the doings of his office for the year. He notes our action in the recognition of Saskatchewan, the rescinding of the edict

against Hamburg and the refusal to recognize the Valle de Mexico, and says of the latter:

New Mexico's reasons for granting recognition to this grand lodge were fully set forth in our report made last year, and the cause for the condition existing in that republic are also stated in this report, under District of Columbia, giving reasons why the hands of Valle de Mexico should be held up and assisted in view of the Masonic conditions in the republic of Mexico.

Of the report of Brother Robbins and his work he comments as follows:

The report on foreign correspondence is, as has been for many years, under the direction of Brother Robbins. Right here, like the boy stealing a ride, is where we want to get off. We always approach Brother Robbins' report with carefulness and circumspection, and while, like the dog on the back street, we can go around and make a great big howl in our own particular back yard, whenever we approach Illinois' report, we feel like that self-same dog, who races around the corner, full of his own importance, and finds himself face to face with a great big mastiff, and there are times, when rather than have a discussion with our learned brother, we would tuck our tail between our legs and go home. However, as some of our friends say, "business is business," and we intend to keep our end up as near as we know how.

The report of Brother Robbins is unusually fat, and we shall start out by quoting from his preface, things which we heartily agree with.

He here refers particularly to Brother Robbins' position anent documentary evidence for visitors, and his belief that "every regular lodge has the right to correspond regarding different subjects with any other regular lodge." Of the latter he remarks:

We regret to have to inform our brother that the reverse rule was adopted by this grand lodge at its last meeting, but, as he will see, the writer had the courage to introduce a minority report. This is one of the things in which we disagree with our own grand lodge—a rare condition of affairs.

He closes his report as follows:

On the whole, while upon such matters as Queensland and others, we must still agree to differ, we can always learn something in the perusal of Brother Robbins' reports.

He stands up deliberately and completely for the inherent rights of lodges, evidently placing those rights as having been acquired even before the formation of the grand lodges themselves, in which we think he is right, although we differ with him positively upon the proposition that three, and three only, if needed, are required to form a grand lodge, irrespective of the number of lodges within the jurisdiction involved.

Between his views and those of another learned brother, of an equally large and influential jurisdiction, the majority of the Masonic reviewers can afford to sail a middle course—not at all from motives of policy, but from the fact that each one of these two reviewers brings out the salient points, with their beliefs, so fully and so completely, that the rest

of us are able to make up our minds and base our grounds on what we think is a truthful estimate of the arguments presented.

Without attempting any argument with Brother WORTH, who is evidently on the right track in the main, and who we believe wants to be fair, and consequently is likely to come nearer to Brother ROBBINS' views the more he ponders over the questions under discussion, we just want to call his attention to what we think a misunderstanding and consequent misstatement of Brother ROBBINS' views about the number of lodges needed to form a grand lodge. While it is true that Brother ROBBINS stated in connection with the discussion that three lodges were sufficient to form a grand lodge, he expressly defined the conditions which in the Queensland case applied to the situation. Our understanding and version of his contention in the Queensland case is substantially this, viz.: that in order to form a grand lodge the following requirements must prevail:

1st. All the regular lodges in the territory must have notice of the proposed meeting and its purpose.

2nd. All the lodges must be free to accept or decline the invitation.

3rd. All lodges who by choice or by reason of restraint exercised over them, refrain from participation in the meeting, are not counted and should not be considered in forming the conclusion.

4th. A majority of the lodges answering the call and participating in the meeting may legally form a grand lodge, provided that said majority is made up of at least three lodges.

If Brother WORTH will go over this carefully in reviewing the Queensland question, we are confident that he will see in it a decided modification of his interpretation of Brother ROBBINS' position.

CHARLES D. STEVENS, Raton, grand master; ALPHEUS A. KEEN, Albuquerque, grand secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1908.

20TH ANNUAL. SYDNEY. JUNE 10.

We have before us the proceedings of four quarterly and two special communications, at all of which, with the exception of one of the latter, the grand master, His Excellency Admiral SIR HARRY H. RAWSON, presided.

There are 214 lodges in the jurisdiction, with a total membership of 12,570, an increase of 784 during the year. The various benevolent funds belonging to the grand lodge amount to £58,884.

The volume opens with the proceedings of a special communication held in the Masonic hall, Sidney, July 30, 1907, for the installation for the third consecutive term of the grand master and the investure of the other grand lodge officers. Fifty-nine grand jurisdictions contributed to the diplomatic corps, Illinois being represented by Bro. W. Beavis. Distinguished visitors were Past Grand Master W. S. Byrne, of Queensland; Grand Steward Howe, of Western Australia; Deputy Grand Master J. G. Davies, of Tasmania; Pro Grand Master F. C. Binns, of New Zealand; Grand Master George E. Emery, of Victoria.

After the installation of the grand master he was presented with a "standard," bearing his coat of arms and an appropriate inscription, by the grand lodge officers, the presentation address being made by Deputy Grand Master William C. Shipway. The grand master accepted the banner in a happy speech, after which he welcomed the visitors in such terms as to call out responses from them which aroused great enthusiasm. Odes and anthems interspersed the exercises, which were of a very enjoyable character.

At the quarterly communication of September 11, 1907, the grand master reported having granted during the quarter ninety-six dispensations, three of which were for the "initiation of a Lewis," a ceremony unfamiliar to most American Masons. A district inspector of workings reported having visited a lodge, when "two candidates came in about sixty miles from the Kiandra side to be raised, knowing that no more opportunities might offer this winter."

At the succeeding quarterly the grand master said in the course of his address:

I have to record with sorrow the death of Wor. Bro. J. H. C. Dill, past grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who departed this life on the 5th August, 1907, aged 71 years.

We, who had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Brother Dill, have not ceased to "sorrow, because we shall see his face no more," and will long remember his sweet disposition and many lovable qualities.

At the quarterly of March 11, 1908, the grand master thus referred, in part, to his lamented predecessor:

Before giving the usual report of work done during the quarter, I would like to refer to the greatest shock that our Masonic world has felt, viz, the sudden news of the death of M.W. Bro. Lieutenant Colonel John Cochrane Remington, V.D., immediate past grand master of this grand lodge. His death took place on the 28th February, 1908, at the age of 58 years. Born on the 16th May, 1850, he was initiated into Freemasonry on the 23rd May, 1871, in the old Volunteer Artillery Lodge No. 937, E.C. (now Lodge United Service No. 24), and he was

installed as Wor. master of Lodge Balmain No. 868, E.C. (now Lodge Balmain No. 23), on the 11th December, 1878.

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In our grand lodge he was senior grand warden in 1889-90, and deputy grand master 1891-2, under the rule of the M.W. grand master, His Excellency the Earl of Jersey.

Although frequently requested to allow himself to be nominated for the office of grand master of this grand lodge he declined the honour until 1899. On the 24th July of that year he was elected and installed as most worshipful grand master of this grand lodge, and year after year was re-elected to that position, handing over the reins of office to myself on the 24th April, 1906, when he installed me as your grand master.

He was also the grand representative near this grand lodge of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Denmark.

His address on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the Dawn of Freemasonry in New South Wales delivered in the Town Hall, Sydney, on the 20th July, 1903, deserved the enconiums passed upon it by the grand lodges of the world, and will forever remain a monument of his wisdom, strength, and ability.

His work for Masonry will never be forgotten by the craft throughout the world, and more particularly by the members of the fraternity in New South Wales. Always enthusiastic, he worked diligently, faithfully, zealously, and intelligently for everything tending to the progress of Freemasonry, and although some of his works and actions may not at the time have found favour with all, still all his works and actions will remain forever largely recorded in the annals of Freemasonry.

He was brave and strong. He loved the right for right's sake, and he was firm, loyal and steadfast in all his actions.

The grand inspector of workings alluded to the excellent work of the lodges, and said:

I have also been pleased to notice, in several cases, that in the absence of lodge work for the evening lectures have been delivered. This is a splendid idea, but the subject matter should always be kept within the circle of Masonic teaching; nothing of a religious, political, or controversial character should be allowed.

The question having arisen as to whether the reports of the board of general purposes to the grand lodge could be discussed or not, the grand master ruled that upon the motion for the reception of the report there could be no discussion or argument; but, if there is any omission, any brother can move that the report be referred back to the board. This savors too much of "gag law" to suit our ideas of the way to dispose of the report of a committee of a grand lodge.

At a special communication of June 9, 1908, Deputy Grand Master Shipway presided and nominations of grand lodge officers were made.

In reply to a question by the junior grand warden whether the designation "Bishop of Goulburn" was a correct nomination, the grand

master in the chair stated that he would not disturb the precedent that had existed, and ruled the nomination in order.

The deputy grand master in declining a renomination, said:

At the beginning of my deputy grand mastership I was compelled to nail my colors to the mast, and to stand by the wheel, but with the assistance of a good and loyal crew I have kept our Admiral's ship free from the rocks that then beset her path, and, as I take my leave of that ship, I can look up with pleasure and pride and see gaily flying above the flag of peace, which I trust will wave forever over Freemasonry in New South Wales.

At the quarterly of June 10, 1908, the grand master reported that four new lodges had been opened during the year and that he had granted warrants for two more, indicating a healthy growth in the jurisdiction. The grand secretary reported that all the lodges had paid their dues.

The election of officers took place at this meeting and M.W. Brother Rawson, who is governor of New South Wales, was re-elected grand master. Arthur H. Bray, of Sydney, was continued as grand secretary.

It was decided to pay the traveling expenses of grand lodge officers officially attending the installation meetings of sister grand lodges in Australia and New Zealand, something that never occurred in this country to our knowledge.

The report on correspondence (121 pp.) is signed by the whole committee—Thos. L. Rowbotham (chairman), Thomas Green, Aubrey Halloran, Louis Whitefield, and A. Wunderlich.

The review of Illinois for 1907 is by Brother Green, who says of Grand Master Allen's report:

The address of the grand master is a full, business-like statement of the year's work. He says: "I am pleased to be able to report that the past year has been a most prosperous one." Peace, harmony, and progress are evidenced throughout the remainder of the address. The net gain in membership approximated to 4,930 for the year—very substantial figures—yet the essential qualifications were never lost sight of, the additions to the Masonic ranks being strong, intelligent young men, representing the best manhood of the community.

In reference to the report on correspondence by Bro. Joseph Robbins, whose hand alas! will never write again, he says:

The report of the committee on Masonic correspondence, M.W. Bro. Robbins, covers 337 pages of an appendix to the volume of proceedings, and is, as usual, a veritable mine of Masonic lore. Again and again we have turned to these pages with a feeling of ever increasing admiration and respect for the compiler. New South Wales doings, as recorded in our published report for the year 1905-6, are exhaustively treated. Altogether, sixty-four grand lodges come under the reviewer's pen, and our one regret is that space will not admit of a fuller reference to the many good things written.

NEW YORK, 1909.

128TH ANNUAL. NEW YORK CITY. MAY 4.

In considering the EMPIRE STATE, one must needs be prepared for large things, so it should not be surprising that the record of the proceedings of the annual meeting held in May requires a volume of 605 pp. exclusive of 130 pp. given to the report on foreign correspondence. The illustrations are numerous, comprising pictures of JACOB MORTON, who was grand master 1801-5; S. NELSON SAWYER, the present grand master; HENRY MARSH, first grand master of St. Johns Grand Lodge, and of several historical buildings occupied in years past for Masonic purposes. The minutes show that at the opening of the grand lodge there were present the usual complement of grand lodge officers and that some of the positions were *numerously* filled, *e. g.,* twelve grand chaplains, eight grand sword bearers and eight grand directors of ceremonies. To such of us as are not accustomed to so much praying and fighting, it is consoling to see that the preparations for peace so much exceed those for war. There were also present six past grand masters, forty-one district deputy grand masters, and sixty-four representatives of other grand lodges, including R.W. Bro. DELBERT GREENE, answering for Illinois.

The presence of several distinguished brethren as visitors is noted, among them M.W. AUGUSTUS T. FREED, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In his address the grand master notes the death of a number of prominent brethren, especially that of R.W. HENRY C. POTTER, bishop of New York and grand chaplain emeritus.

He reports the granting of five dispensations to constitute lodges, eight to institute new lodges and eight to lay corner-stones—and a record is made of the dedication of several Masonic temples and halls.

Many pages of the record are given to a recital of the business status of the building operations projected and carried on by "the trustees of the Masonic hall and asylum fund" and the relations of this board to the grand lodge. It is not easy to condense from thirty or more pages of the record given to the subject by the grand master and the trustees a brief summary that will convey an intelligent idea of the situation, but believing that the matter is of general interest to the craft, we will essay the following: The trustees of the hall and asylum fund are given corporate powers by state legislation to hold and control property, and through the action of the grand lodge these trustees have been au-

thorized or *permitted* to gain practically the sole control of all grand lodge property, and there has been some apprehension on the part of the grand master that the tail might be able to wag the dog. As property amounting to millions is involved the question is an important one. The grand master is not disposed to doubt the ability or honesty of the trustees, but he deprecates a condition of affairs involving such possibilities.

The grand lodge has for many years owned a very valuable property at the corner of 23rd street and Sixth avenue, upon which the Masonic temple is located. The basement and first floor of the building were rented to a bank and safe deposit company, on a twenty-five year lease at $23,000 per annum, with option for renewal at an arbitrated rental. The trustees purchased the property north of the temple, running through to 24th street, and erected thereon a fine business building of the sky-scraping variety, at a cost of over a million dollars.

To obtain advantageous entrance to the new building and as a means of securing a better rental, they found it necessary to open a passage through the old building, and this required making terms with the Safe Deposit Co. for the cancellation of their lease and option, and for this the trustees paid $130,000.

They also contemplated the demolition of the old building and the erection on the site of, a new structure corresponding with the new building already put up and costing another million or more. These conditions and the large sums involved caused the grand master to advise a halt till the grand lodge could be consulted. This resulted in nothing more practical than the appointment of a special committee, authorized and instructed to secure state legislation more clearly defining the relations between the trustees and the grand lodge, and limiting the powers of the former. This leaves matters virtually in the control of the board till the legislature acts and the grand lodge may, through such action, again assume charge of its own. The fact that the operations, here briefly and imperfectly described, have involved obligations by the grand lodge of about $2,000,000, justifies our remark that the Masons of New York do things on a large scale. Another item illustrates the same fact though in quite a different direction. We refer to the report of the Home board of trustees, showing that they are caring for 390 dependents, an increase of 49 during the year. The per capita cost averaged $207.74 for each inmate.

The unfortunate condition of the financial situation in New York as disclosed by the reports of the grand master and the board of control, affords a strong and convincing argument to prove that our grand lodge erred when it failed to adopt a by-law by which it was proposed to have

elective officers of the grand lodge form a majority of the board in charge of our Homes. The control of these business and charity operations should be in the grand lodge, and so arranged that the brethren of the state who own the property and pay the bills can reach, and if need be change, the management any year by their votes in grand lodge.

R.W. Bro. Edwin A. Quick, grand historian, presented a report from the introduction to which we make a quotation:

It is the pleasant duty of the grand historian to report that the work which has engaged his attention during the past six years continues to receive such favorable comment as to warrant a continuation of his work along the same lines as heretofore pursued.

With a single exception, all inquiries made to lodges relating to their early life and proceedings have met with favorable and prompt response; in most cases a spirit of enthusiasm has manifested itself, and the information sought for has been obtained and found satisfactory. Generally, the data furnished has been found complete, accurate and reliable. In all cases of doubt, especially in dates and incidents of historical importance, an examination of the records and papers on file in the grand secretary's office has been made in order that these sketches may be trustworthy and enhanced in historical value.

This year his labors cover a review of the history of lodges No. 174 to No. 200 inclusive, and occupy seventy-two pages of the record. There is much matter of historical value in these pages to Masons generally, and particularly to those of New York. Among the interesting data are copies from the records of Solomon's Lodge No. 196, and a fac-simile of its original warrant granted November 13, 1812, and signed by DeWitt Clinton, grand master.

The committee on jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the grand master's address covering decisions, find but one decision, which is as follows:

"A brother, who had been unaffiliated for non-payment of dues, tendered to his lodge the amount owing, which, after some hesitation, was accepted and receipt given. He then applied for reinstatement, but was rejected.

"Question—Could he apply to any other lodge for membership?

"I held that, having paid in full his indebtedness to his lodge, his status thereupon became the same as that of one who had paid his dues and been, at his own request, dropped from the roll. That having discharged his obligation to his lodge, his punishment could not be longer continued; and that if the lodge did not care to restore him to membership he was free to apply to any other lodge for affiliation and could be lawfully received."

This is so manifestly in accordance with former decisions and the constitution that the committee heartily approve, and ask the grand lodge to confirm this report.

The report on correspondence (130 pp.) is by a committee, of which Bro. William Sherer is chairman. We quote as follows from the introduction to the report:

Again we can report that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Masonic world, and that Masonry occupies a high plane and is becoming more and more an important factor in the advance and uplifting of humanity, and by its numerical and moral strength is everywhere recognized as such.

A few minor exceptions exist, but so "minor" that they are barely worthy of note. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi severs fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey because our neighbor maintains a negro lodge on its register. Although this lodge has existed for a number of years our brethren in Mississippi have just discovered it and promptly resented it.

Fault is found with the grand master of Ohio for using the ancient prerogative of grand masters in making a distinguished citizen of the republic a Mason at sight. The brethren of Texas have gone so far that their grand master had to call a halt upon the unfavorable comments made. Other grand lodges have also mildly criticized this action.

We have made no comment in either case, recognizing first the fact that each grand lodge is sovereign in its own jurisdiction, and, second, that each was within its right to do as they did, and above all recognizing that the Grand Lodge of New York in its wisdom, in its numbers and in its grandeur has long since learned the important lesson to mind its own business, allowing others to mind theirs.

Requests for recognition were received from Chili, San Domingo and Greece, but these so-called grand lodges are not legitimately organized, and are not the sole rulers of Masonry in their respective countries, hence, following out the American idea and custom, we recommend that these grand lodges be denied recognition. This holds good also of San Salvador and Nuevo Leon.

We regret that absence of proof that Italy is organized under the jurisdiction of symbolic lodges prevents recognition of this grand lodge at this time.

In the review of Illinois the committee quotes from the address of Grand Master Bell, showing the flourishing condition of Masonry in Illinois, and also from what he says about church attendance. The attendance of R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, poet laureate, is noted, and what Brother Robbins said on the subject of the "unpleasantness" at Queensland is quoted and a hearty "amen" added.

S. Nelson Sawyer, Palmyra, re-elected grand master; Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York, re-elected grand secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1908.

19TH ANNUAL. AUCKLAND. MAY 6.

This volume is illustrated with half-tone portraits of Pro Grand Master OLIVER NICHOLSON, Deputy Grand Master T. J. WITHERS, and Provincial Grand Master THOMAS ROSS, and also a page cut of a group of other distinguished brethren.

There are 152 active lodges, with a membership of 9,238, and eight new ones were opened during the year.

His excellency the governor of New Zealand, M.W. Bro. the R. H. WILLIAM LEE (BARON) PLUNKET, grand master, presided.

The report of the grand treasurer showed a balance in the general and benevolent funds of £16,158, certainly a handsome sum, when the size of the membership is considered.

In the report of the board of general purposes the following reference was made to the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

Shortly after last annual communication the board appointed a committee to go into the report of the negotiations of R.W. Bro. The Hon. Geo. Fowlds with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and more particularly to give careful consideration to the amended articles of agreement submitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland as the terms of recognition. This committee has held several meetings, and has been reluctantly compelled to report to the board that the proposed articles require further amendment before grand lodge could be advised to accept them.

It has therefore been decided to resume correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Scotland with the view of getting an adjustment of the remaining points of difference.

There are indications of a disposition on the part of Scotland to regard the matter from a broader point of view, and we hope that next report to grand lodge will announce a settlement of this long standing dispute.

In regard to the English lodges located in New Zealand the board reported as follows:

It will be remembered that last year we reported that contrary to expectation and apparently against all reason the Grand Lodge of England had refused to allow Phoenix Lodge (Westport) to take a deciding vote on the question of transfer of allegiance.

Hopes were then expressed by us that proper representations and fuller explanation of the position would induce the English authorities to view in a fairer light the general principle at the root of the matter, and that other applications of a similar nature would be treated more in accordance with the spirit of the agreement under which England recognized our territorial rights in 1898, and which agreement it was

confidently anticipated would "form the basis of enduring and honourable relations between the two grand sovereign lodges."

Our attitude towards the Grand Lodge of England and the lodges in our territory which are still working under charters from that grand lodge continues unchanged. So long as those lodges prefer to remain under England, we respect their wish and make no endeavour to shake their allegience; but we are firmly convinced that the gradual absorption of all lodges into the territorial grand lodge is only a question of time.

We know that the Grand Lodge of England exists only to promote "the good of the craft" and seeks no other end, we are therefore grieved to find it standing in the way of progress, and creating difficulties in the bringing about of that unity which is necessary to enable Freemasonry in this dominion of the empire to completely fulfill its highest destiny, and accomplish its best work.

All we ask is that English lodges working in New Zealand shall be allowed to decide for themselves whether they will remain under England or transfer to New Zealand, and we are quite content that a two-thirds majority shall be necessary to effect the transfer.

This is the spirit and intention of our agreement with England, and we cannot believe that the parent grand lodge will deliberately depart from it.

Since our last report, however, an application from Canterbury Lodge No. 1048, E.C., for permission to take a deciding vote has met with a refusal, and we regret to say that, judging by their utterances, some of the authorities in England appear to be imbued with the idea that those who are favourable to transferring the lodge are "influenced by mercenary and unworthy motives," in fact that a desire to obtain possession of the property is the main object in view.

It should be quite unnecessary to scout such an idea, but as it has been given expression to on more than one occasion we deem it our duty to protest against such an imputation as absurd and utterly groundless. That the suggestion should be seriously entertained by the advisers of the Grand Lodge of England only proves how little they realize the true position of Masonic affairs in New Zealand.

Resolutions in favour of obtaining statutory permission to decide the question of transfer have also been passed by other English lodges in Canterbury district, with what result we know not, but surely our brethren in London will soon be convinced that they cannot much longer stem the tide of progress, and that the inevitable must be accepted.

The M.W. the grand master is in correspondence with our representative near the Grand Lodge of England, R. Wor. Bro. the Earl of Onslow, on this subject of transfer of lodges, and we have strong hopes that freedom of action will be granted to English lodges in the near future, for our faith in England's justice is still unshaken.

From our point of view the Grand Lodge of New Zealand is in the right in its controversy with England, and we hope that the faith of our far-distant brethren in "England's justice" may be soon "lost in sight."

The installation and investure of the grand officers took place in presence of about 1,200 brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction, with elaborate and imposing ceremonies, after which LORD PLUNKET delivered a long, yet interesting, address. In regard to the benevolences of the grand lodge he said:

With feelings of mingled gratitude and pride I return to you, my brethren, my thanks for the splendid response you have made to my call, and the thanks also of the poor and necessitous, the widow, and the orphan.

What such Masonic benevolence means is eloquently expressed by a distinguished Irish G.C., Bishop Crozier, in these words: "I have seen how Masonry has softened for men the bitterness and competition of social and business life. I have seen how it has helped to dry the scalding tear of almost hopeless sorrow, how it has relieved the wants of the sore distressed, how it has cheered the sad room of sickness, how it has smoothed the pathway to the tomb, and when the spirit has returned to God who gave it, has followed the brother's corpse to his last earthly resting place. Nor has this been all, I have seen the love and tenderness of the Masonic brother taking the place of the father who has gone, and holding out a ready hand to guide the tottering footsteps of the orphan children cast upon the fatherhood of God."

An effort to locate the grand lodge failed, and it will continue in its present peripatetic form, its next place of meeting being New Plymouth.

A motion was made to have a more artistic grand lodge certificate designed, and the grand master said that although it had given him great pleasure to *sign* many hundred certificates, it had given him "the greatest agony to *look* at the certificates." The motion carried.

LORD PLUNKET was re-elected grand master; MALCOLM NICCOL re-elected grand secretary. The latter's address is Swanson street, Auckland.

The review of correspondence is a new thing for New Zealand, and the first report (110 pp.) is by M.W. Bro. MALCOLM NICCOL, grand secretary, who says in regard to it:

My time is always pretty fully occupied with the ordinary work of my office, so that this additional duty has been discharged under considerable stress, and at the cost of delaying the publication of the annual report beyond the usual time.

My initial attempt is also necessarily very largely composed of extracts, but I hope in future to devote more space to the expression of our own views upon the various questions herein touched upon.

I have endeavoured primarily to make this portion of our annual volume interesting to the members of our own grand lodge, and shall be much disappointed if I have not succeeded in that effort.

After reading his review, we are of the opinion that if the members of his grand lodge are not interested in his well-written report that they are certainly difficult to please.

In his review of Illinois for 1907 he mentions the fact that we have large lodges in our jurisdiction, ranging from 500 to 1,195 members, and says:

What strikes us forcibly is that in these very large lodges a man might be ten years a member without becoming personally known to the brethren of his own lodge; we are of opinon that close personal friendship should exist between the members of a lodge, that there should be thorough sympathy born of mutual knowledge and regard running through the institution, and that each member should be able to interest himself in the affairs of his fellows. Then the prospects of getting into office in these large lodges are very remote, and we cannot ignore the fact that most men have the ambition to "rise to eminence." Our experience strongly convinces us that a lodge with about one hundred members presents ideal conditions for capable handling and the maximum of success.

We have observed this matter for many years, and so far as our personal experience is concerned are of the opinon that the size of the lodge has but little to do with the practice of the Masonic virtues by its members. There are some lodges of a few dozen members that it is a pleasure to visit, because of the cordial manner in which the visitor is received. There are others in which the chilliness is so much in evidence, that one is led to believe that if it could be utilized that the lodge would make a fortune by going into the cold storage business. As for large lodges, the above statements will apply to them with as much force as to small ones.

He copies the lists of recognized and unrecognized bodies from our proceedings, and says:

The correspondence review is conducted by that Nestor among us, Bro. Joseph Robbins, who is generally regarded as one of the best informed and most reliable authorities in Masonic matters.

After quoting our lamented brother's comment upon their relations with the parent grand lodges, as coming from "an intelligent and unprejudiced onlooker," he concludes as follows:

We regret that pressure of space prevents us from making further extracts from this very valuable report.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1909.

122ND ANNUAL. RALEIGH. JANUARY 12.

The frontispiece is a beautiful half-tone of the bright and attractive face of M.W. Bro. FABIUS HAYWOOD BUSBEE, grand master in 1885, who died August 28, 1908. The grand lodge was opened in ample form at 7:30 p. m., January 12, 1909, by SAMUEL M. GATTIS, grand master, assisted by the usual roster of grand lodge officers. There were present eighteen district deputy grand masters, twelve past grand masters and one past senior grand warden. Bro. LEO D. HEARTT, of Raleigh, representing Illinois, was one of the thirty-four diplomats in attendance. The first item noted in the record was the reception of visiting Bro. HENRY K. SIMPSON, grand master of the District of Columbia, with appropriate greetings and grand honors. Later in the session similar courtesies were extended to M.W. Bro. J. L. MICHIE, grand master of South Carolina.

That the craft of North Carolina are prosperous and happy is well certified by the following extracts from the grand master's address:

It is with a heart filled with thankfulness and love that I greet you on this momentous occasion in the history of Freemasonry in our beloved state—the assembling of the craft in its one hundred and twenty-second annual communication, and the gathering for the first time of the grand lodge in its long hoped-for permanent home. I welcome you to this, your magnificent temple. When, at our annual communication in 1900, I offered the resolution providing for the appointment by the grand master of a committee of five to co-operate with the committees of the Raleigh lodges in furthering the erection of a suitable home for Masonry in the capital city, I little dreamed that it would be my good fortune to preside over the first annual communication of the grand lodge held in the splendid temple foreshadowed by that resolution. Doubtless there were few present at that meeting who expected to see the realization of that dream. But tonight that dream is realized, and I congratulate the Masons of North Carolina on the completion of this splendidly equipped edifice, alike an ornament to our capital city and a credit to the fraternity throughout this grand jurisdiction.

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I am proud to say that Masonry in this jurisdiction is striving nobly to live up to its opportunities. Much has already been done by our order to alleviate human suffering and to give every living being an equal chance in life. Much remains to be done. It is our duty to see to it that no false move is made or backward step taken, and while as Free and Accepted Masons we work no longer in stone and mortar, as did our ancient brethren, yet we must strive to build our characters on the solid rock of truth and right living. Masonry in this state is steadily growing in usefulness and numbers. The returns of the subordinate

lodges show a total enrollment of about nineteen thousand members. In a great many communities the lodges are live and active. The young Masons are enthusiastic and the older brethren are directing this vigorous enthusiasm in proper channels for the accomplishment of the greatest good. With a few exceptions, peace reigns among the craft, and the blessings of heaven seem to rest upon the fraternity throughout this entire grand jurisdiction.

Among the distinguished dead whose passing he notes, is the name of our well-loved past grand secretary, R.W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn. He gives place in his obituary column to a poem which he found in the address of Grand Master Scudder of New York and which we think worthy of repetition:

"'Heimgang.' So the German people
Whisper when they hear the bell
Tolling from some gray old steeple,
Death's familiar tale to tell.
When they hear the organ dirges
Swelling out from chapel dome
And the singers' chanting surges,
'Heimgang.' He is going home.

"'Heimgang.' Quaint and tender saying
In the grand old German tongue,
That hath shaped Melancthon's praying,
And the hymns that Luther sung.
Blessed is our loving Maker,
That where'er our feet shall roam,
Still we journey towards God's acre—
'Heimgang.' Always going home.

"'Heimgang.' We are all so weary,
And the willows as they wave,
Softly sighing, sweetly dreary,
Woo us to the tranquil grave.
When the golden pitcher's broken,
With its dregs and with its foam,
And the tender words are spoken,
'Heimgang.' We are going home."

On the subject of corner-stones, the grand master expresses the opinion that the grand master, the deputy grand master or one of the grand wardens should always be present and officiate to make the occasion suitably impressive and dignified.

At the same time he admits the practical difficulties that sometimes make their attendance burdensome or impossible, and notes the fact that he had on several occasions designated other brethren to perform the ceremony. He was confronted by a problem which he sets forth in the following:

In this connection I call attention to a question I was called upon to decide and submit my decision thereon for the action of the grand lodge.

I was requested to convene the grand lodge in special communication at three widely separated points, to-wit: Rutherfordton, Sanford and in Gates county on the same day, July 4, 1908. The first request came from the lodge at Rutherfordton, and I called the grand lodge to meet there on July 4, to lay the corner-stone of the new court house. I was afterwards asked to lay corner-stone of the Lee county court house at Sanford, and the corner-stone of a school building in Gates county on the same day. I declined both of these requests, holding that the grand lodge could not be convened at three widely separated places, one in the extreme western, one in the central and one in the extreme eastern portion of the state, on the same day.

This was not specifically acted upon by the grand lodge beyond the fact that the committee on grand master's address say that his "decisions appear to be wise and based upon authority," and the committee on jurisprudence to whom his decisions were referred "approved of each and every one of his decisions referred to them," which seems to establish the doctrine that one corner-stone at a time is all the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is willing to stand for.

As we understand this function, it is a purely ceremonial observance that can be performed only by the grand master in person or by some brother duly authorized by him to act as his special proxy, for the occasion and for a designated purpose. With this view of the matter, we cannot see why ceremonial or occasional meetings of the grand lodge may not be called at different points at the same time, each in charge of a proxy duly authorized by the grand master, and each having the same authority. If one is good, why not the other?

From the twenty-five decisions reported by the grand master, most of which treat of local or routine matters and all of which were approved by the jurisprudence committee and adopted by the grand lodge, we select only one for comment, viz.:

Is a bastard eligible for the degrees in Masonry?

Answer.—Yes, if otherwise worthy. The fact of illegitimacy alone would not debar him.

Here we find ourself not only disagreeing with North Carolina but also out of harmony with our predecessor.

This question turns upon the interpretation placed on the words "descended of honest parents," as contained in the ancient charges. If honest means chaste or virtuous—the sense in which our ancestors used the word—then the bastard is as effectually debarred from Masonic preferment as is one congenitally deformed, one being no more responsible for the defect than the other.

Our North Carolina brethren, like those of Louisiana, had a struggle over the proper treatment of those who ran after alleged false gods, and were troubled to know how they should properly punish them and the gay deceivers who enticed them away from the straight and narrow path that leads to the only high numbered degrees that our brethren of N. C. think may be accepted with propriety and safety. The conclusion seemed to be that the fathers of North Carolina Masons, years ago, enacted legislation clearly defining the high branches (?) of the Masonic tree and that anyone who climbed a branch not in the list must expect a fall.

Brethren, why not confine grand lodge legislation to Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry and let the York, Scottish, Italian, Egyptian and other rites, along with Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and other good fellows, take care for themselves?

We have been a Scottish Rite Mason for more than forty years, but have not yet learned of any necessary governmental relations existing between that rite and Symbolic Masonry by which the latter is enabled to judge of the regularity of the former. A grand lodge is for Master Masons, and many of its members have taken no degrees numbered higher than *three*, but all of its members are entitled to complete knowledge of every matter brought forward for legislation.

We would be glad to be informed how the necessary knowledge to enable him to act intelligently upon matters in the "clouds above him" can be brought before one who is "only a Master Mason." Let brethren be "high monkey-monks" if they want to be, but discipline them when they become intemperate or immoral or when they bring discredit on the good old fraternity.

The grand orator, Bro. Robert Bingham, delivered a very interesting and instructive oration, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the grand lodge and which we are sure the brethren of Illinois would be glad to have heard, but we have room for only a paragraph at the opening:

It is not my purpose to speak of the history of Masonry. It matters but little whether our order antedates the historic period, as some maintain, or originated at the building of King Solomon's Temple, or in the middle ages. Suffice it to say that ours is the oldest, the greatest and most beneficent of fraternal orders, and *our* ritual is the foundation of *their* rituals. As far as I have been able to observe or ascertain, whatever is good in the rituals of other orders is Masonry, and whatever is not Masonry is not good. Masonry has numbered among its members the greatest ones of the earth. Kings have worn the lambskin; royal princes have wielded the grand master's gavel in other countries, and in America kingly men and princely men have belonged to our order. Washington was the master of a Masonic lodge for years, and four-fifths of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Master Masons. Washington ranks high among kings, and the signers of the Declaration rank with royal princes.

A man must be judged by his fellow men and by the Great Judge of all the Earth, not by what he professes to be, nor by what he is supposed to be, but by what he *does*, and by what he *is;* and the same applies to any body of men combined for any purpose.

We would respectfully suggest to Bro. Bingham that he might well revise his first statement as to the signers of the Declaration.

The grand secretary reported 369 chartered and nine U.D. lodges, with a total membership of 18,940.

At the expense of considerable space we quote in full the special report of Bro. John A. Collins, committee on foreign correspondence, on the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, which report was adopted by the grand lodge:

At the last annual communication of the grand lodge, the committee on correspondence presented a special report upon the requests for recognition of the Grand Orient of Greece and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and without other purpose than the conservation of legitimate Freemasonry we were constrained to report adversely upon both applications. Our report, however, failed of adoption so far as it related to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and was referred to a special committee of which Past Grand Master John W. Cotten was appointed chairman. The special committee made the following report:

"Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, in reference to application of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico for recognition, after due consideration, are satisfied that the committee on foreign correspondence is correct in its recommendation that such recognition be not granted at present. Yet, as the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is apparently so anxious that it be given such fraternal recognition, we respectfully suggest that the chairman or some member of the committee on foreign correspondence be present at next grand lodge communication and explain why such recognition should not be granted, should they again so recommend."

That the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is "anxious" and clamorously eager for recognition it does not require the statement of the special committee to establish, because for many years past this Mexican grand lodge has been persistent in its pleadings for recognition and has knocked at the doors of every regular grand lodge throughout the world, and has received admittance to some of them. In this instance it seems that the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, instead of addressing its plea to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, must have placed it in the hands of some generous brother who would be less exacting than your committee on correspondence.

In obedience to the command of the grand lodge conveyed in the adoption of the foregoing special report, we beg leave to "explain" the attitude which we have held, and which we now hold, against the recognition of any Mexican grand lodge by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, but before doing so, and for the guidance of brethren now in grand lodge, who will be asked to pass upon this report, it will be necessary to briefly review the origin of Masonry in Mexico.

On May 31, 1801, at Charleston, S. C., two Master Masons, John Mitchell and Frederic Dalcho by name, from the storehouse of florid imagination created the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the United States of America, and the announcement of this organization was made public in a printed circular dated December 4, 1802. It will hardly be denied, and we have never seen it denied, that Brothers Mitchell and Dalcho possessed only the powers of any other two Master Masons, and that they certainly possessed no power to make Masons or to create symbolic lodges, which at that time and place was legally and solely held by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. In 1804 one of the colleagues of these enterprising brethren, a Frenchman, Count de Grasse Tilley, proceeded with a patent of authority to establish the new rite, which immediately took root upon the continent of Europe and then received the name of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, claiming authority over all the degrees from the first to the thirty-third inclusive.

Soon afterwards the promoters of the new rite established supreme councils and grand lodges in Latin America, in which nearly all the lodges have the same parentage. Mexico fell under the control of the A. and A. S. Rite, and no other Masonry has been or is known to the present day.

It will be recalled that a few years ago a Masonic body in Mexico, having the name of "Grand Dieta Simbolica," claimed supreme authority over symbolic lodges, and clamored, as the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico is now doing, for recognition as a legitimate, regular, independent, and supreme grand lodge in its territory, with the result that a few American grand lodges listened to its pleading and took it into full fellowship.

Investigation, however, revealed the fact that this Grand Dieta was nothing more than a political, anti-clerical, anti-church club, *which conferred its so-called degrees of Masonry upon women, and removed the Holy Bible from its altars.* Its shameful, disgraceful practices, under the guise of Masonry, shocked the whole Masonic world, and made its advocates in regular Masonic grand lodges cover their faces in shame. This exposure had its effect, even upon the managers of the Grand Dieta, with the result that they conveyed all their assets, in the shape of lodges and membership, to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and then committed suicide by a public renunciation of all Masonic authority.

More recently another so-called grand lodge of the same origin, type, and blood, the Grand Lodge Santos Deqollados, presumably for the same reasons, conveyed all its goods and chattels to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and then, sensibly and of necessity, ceased to exist.

In each instance the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was made the beneficiary and gathered in the remains for its very own. Thus it will be seen that all of these Mexican grand lodges and others of which we have heard are the creatures and offspring of the Scottish Rite.

Coming now to the consideration of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico itself, we find: first, that it is illegitimate in origin, having been established without a semblance of authority by the A. and A. S. Rite; second, that *there is not in the whole republic of Mexico a single legitimate lodge or grand lodge constituted according to the original plan of Masonry.*

We have thus, as briefly as possible, endeavored to present for the information of the grand lodge the story of the origin of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, and somewhat of its history.

We have before us a volume purporting to be the proceedings of the forty-eighth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, held in the City of Mexico, April 17, 18, 1908. It is printed in English, and the purpose seems to be to present a favorable argument to outsiders. Among other things we find in the volume which should be of interest to the fraternity, is a lengthy correspondence between a grand lodge of which we had not heard, that of Oaxaca, and the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The former grand lodge protests against the invasion of its territory by the latter, in the establishment of two subordinate lodges by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Oaxaca. After an affectionate correspondence between the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and her weak neighbor Oaxaca, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico settled the controversy on the following basis:

"That the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico enters into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Oaxaca, and accepts the courteous consent of the same for our grand lodge to retain under its own jurisdiction and for a term of eighteen months the two subordinate lodges which it now has in that state, *unless the Grand Lodge of Oaxaca should, before that time, obtain the same recognition which the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico already has.*"

To the average Mason this invasion of the territory of a weak neighbor certainly does not seem to be just, or generous, or fraternal. On the contrary, it looks very much like lawless piracy.

As we are required only to "explain" our attitude to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, we make no recommendation, and submit the question of recognition to grand lodge.

The report on correspondence (146 pp.) is the thirteenth annual from Bro. John A. Collins, chairman of the committee.

He is generous to Illinois to the extent of four and a half pages. He makes a liberal quotation from what he calls "an unusually fine address" from Grand Master Bell, refers to the sale of the Orphans' Home property in Chicago, and the completion of the Masonic Home at Sullivan. He approves Brother Bell's attitude regarding lodge attendance at church services and the use of lodge funds, and notes our action in the matter of change of corporate name. Upon other matters which he touches we cannot do better and care not to do less than quote him in full, as follows:

The grand orator, Elmer E. Beach, whose photograph adorns the volume, delivered an able and thoughtful address on the subject of International Brotherhood, or universal peace, in which he argued for the utility of arbitration or other peaceful methods rather than the cruel and costly expedient of war for the settlement of international disputes. He received the thanks of the grand lodge.

There's fun ahead! The Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, or rather those who are pushing its interests, acting upon the wise admonition to

"ask for what you want," have made determined efforts to capture the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as appears by the introduction of a series of preambles and this resolution:

Resolved, That the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois hereby extends fraternal recognition of the M.W. Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico as the peer of all other sister grand lodges with which it enjoys relations of amity, and as such invites an exchange of representatives, thus aiding to preserve and strengthen the fraternal ties which bind the universal brotherhood of Masonry.

The first preamble claims that "the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico possesses exclusive control and undisputed authority over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the Republic of Mexico." This is disproved by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico itself in its proceedings for 1908, in which it is shown that other so-called Masonic organizations claim supremacy. The resolution was referred to a committee of five of the most able brethren in the grand lodge, namely, Joseph Robbins, George M. Moulton, Owen Scott, William B. Wright, Monroe C. Crawford. We shall look with much interest for the report of this committee and the action which the grand lodge will take upon this matter.

The report on correspondence, preceded by an ample index to every phase of the report, covers 349 pages of the volume, and is, taken all in all, the most elaborate which has been received. It is a monument to the industry, patience, and scholarship of the author, Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, and confers a distinction upon his grand lodge that not all its wealth of money or membership could have purchased. We had marked for the benefit of our readers, many extracts from this report, but limited space forbids it.

Adverting in his review of North Caroline for 1908 to the reply of Grand Master Francis D. Winston to the request of the Croatan Indians to be made Masons, Brother Robbins declares the name Croatan to be new to him, and one of his reasons for making the quotation is to confess his ignorance. The story in North Carolina is that the Croatans were a branch of the Cherokees, and it was they who murdered, or absorbed, the lost colony of Sir Walter Raleigh on Roanoke Island, which was Raleigh's second attempt to establish a colony of English people. Of this second colony of 227 souls there is no certain knowledge, and probably the most of them were murdered, and some absorbed into the tribe. These Indians now occupy a part of Robeson county, in the tier of southeastern counties of the state, and number, perhaps, 3,500, having separate schools and the right of suffrage. The name Croatan is found along the coast of North Carolina from Roanoke Island to New Bern. At the time of the first discovery of the Croatans in Robeson county it was alleged that many of them had white skin, blue eyes, fair hair, and bore the names of members of the lost colony. This, however, is tradition, but the Indians bearing the name Croatan are with us today, and complain, as they do in other localities, of having been the recipients of very bad treatment by the whites.

Samuel M. Gattis, Hillsboro, grand master; John C. Drewry, Raleigh, grand secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1908.

19TH ANNUAL. FARGO. JUNE 30.

This neat little volume is beautifully printed on thick white paper and is a delight to look upon.

It is handsomely and liberally illustrated by tinted portraits of M.W. Bro. JOHN RIESSBECK, grand master 1907-1908; JOHN F. SELBY, grand master 1891-1892; ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, grand master 1897-1898, and CLINTON D. LORD, grand treasurer 1898-1908. It also has pictures of the lodge buildings at Sheldon, Hannah and Minot, the latter a fine structure erected and furnished at a cost of about $50,000. There is a very interesting picture of the interior of the Masonic grand lodge library at Fargo, which demonstrates that our brethren of that young, but stalwart jurisdiction are laying the foundations for a storehouse of Masonic literature that is already a credit to them and that will increase in value, interest and utility as the years go on. We cannot leave the subject of illustrations without mentioning the full-page copy of a photograph showing the faces and figures of forty of the delegates (who did not get away) in attendance at the convention of secretaries, that met at Fargo, October 21-22, 1908. This picture is so well printed that the friends of any brother in the group would be able to recognize his likeness at a glance. We think it a really wonderful example of the photographic and printing arts.

Grand Master RIESSBECK presided at the annual meeting which opened at Fargo, June 30, 1908. In his address he said:

The past year has been a prosperous one for Ancient Craft Masonry in this grand jurisdiction, and the extension of Masonic light has kept pace with the material development of this great commonwealth. In a little more than a decade, the number of lodges in the state has nearly doubled. In 1897, when I first attended the communication of the grand lodge, there were forty-six chartered lodges, while at the present time there are eighty-two in this grand jurisdiction, and seven lodges under dispensation.

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Before proceeding with a detailed account of my official acts during the past year, it is but fitting that we should pause and give a few thoughts to those who have passed through the dark shadows of the valley of death to the Supreme Grand Lodge above.

This grand jurisdiction has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of two of its most distinguished past grand masters: Past Grand Master John F. Selby and Past Grand Master Robert M. Carothers.

Bro. John F. Selby died January 8, 1908, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. At the time of his death he was chairman of the committee on jurisprudence of the grand lodge, which position he held since 1892.

His great Masonic knowledge and unerring logic made him distinctively a moulder of our legislation. His guiding spirit will long be missed by this grand body.

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While the grief was fresh upon us through the loss of our Past Grand Master John F. Selby, the bell tolled again to send the sad tidings of the death of our beloved brother Robert Milligan Carothers, past grand master. The city that knew the years of his manhood bowed its head in grief, for one of its best, most active and respected citizens had left its streets forever. Brother Carothers was in his forty-eighth year. In 1897, he was elected grand master of the state, and served in that capacity for one year, and since that time he has served on the committee on jurisprudence.

He reported the granting of dispensations for the formation of six new lodges, and under the head of general dispensations noted the following:

On the 19th of July, 1907, at the request of John H. G. Turner, W.M. of Tuscan Lodge No. 44, of Bottineau, N. D., I granted dispensation to that lodge to hold their second annual outdoor meeting on Park Island, Lake Metigoshe, on July 31, 1907. The request for a dispensation was accompanied by a very cordial invitation for me to be present on that occasion, but circumstances were such that I was compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting with the brethren.

Quite a number of requests for dispensation were received, some for conferring degrees in less than the statutory time and some for election of officers at special elections. Most of the requests I granted, but a few I deemed it best to deny.

We should greatly enjoy a visit to the "high hill or low vale" that would so far meet our ideas of secrecy and security as to justify the holding of a lodge meeting out of doors. We quote the following from the grand master's remarks about laying corner-stones, because an item therein excites our curiosity:

Early in July, 1907, I received a request from Bro. G. F. Erskine, of Sarles, North Dakota, to lay the corner-stone of the new school house at that place on July 10. Circumstances being such as to prevent me from attending to this matter personally, I, in compliance with the wishes of the brethren at Sarles, had the pleasure of appointing Worshipful Brother J. Ransom Hall, 32d degree, K.C.C.H., as my deputy for that occasion.

The following comprehensive report was received from him:

CALVIN, N. D., July 11, 1907.

"Most Worshipful John Riessbeck, Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota.

"Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit the following report of ceremonies performed at Sarles, N. D., yesterday, under your commission of July, A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907:

"As your deputy, I opened a provisional grand lodge A.F. and A.M. in Woodman's hall, from which we marched to the site of the proposed

new public school building, between eighty and ninety Master Masons being in line.

"We were favored with exceedingly fine weather, and a large concourse of ladies, gentlemen and children witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the public school building, which was done agreeably to the ancient usages of the order as indicated in Simon's Monitor. This was followed by addresses along educational lines by the superintendents of public schools for Cavalier and Towner counties and by myself.

"People were gathered from neighboring towns and surrounding country for miles about, and even many from across the national line. The ceremonies were, I think, well performed, and, I am confident, left in the minds of those witnessing them, most of them for the first time, impressions favorable to the order.

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"The provisional grand lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren dispersed, feeling that the occasion was one of enjoyment to themselves and profit to the order.

"Yours respectfully and fraternally,
"J. Ransom Hall, 32d Degree, K.C.C.H."

We are curious to know what the ceremony and report would have been if the brother in charge had carried a few more or a few less degrees, and whether those cabalistic letters stand for "Keeps Considerable Conceit Here," or what they do mean in connection with the ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry and the placing of corner-stones.

Several of the grand master's decisions related to questions anent the selling of liquor, and give an excellent illustration of the perplexities and complications that arise when grand lodges attempt by wholesale legislation to define what vocation a petitioner or member may engage in.

Whatever takes from the individual Mason his sense of personal responsibility to safeguard the reputation and integrity of the institution weakens the foundations upon which the fabric rests. Make the voter alert to his power and his responsibility and let the ballot determine whether a man is fit to be or to remain a Mason.

From the report of the jurisprudence committee we give in full what they say of the grand master's decision No. 6:

"*Statement of Facts.*—Regular meeting January 28, 1908. Petition of Mr. A. was received and referred. Regular meeting February 25, 1908, committee reported favorably, ballot was spread and, upon examination, the wardens and master found the ballot to be clear and Mr. A. was declared elected. At the regular meeting, March 10, 1908, it was understood that Mr. A. would present himself for initiation. Lodge was opened and the order of business proceeded with. When the order of business, 'Work Conferring Degrees,' was announced by the master, Brother F. moved as follows:

"Worshipful master, I have been informed that at our last regular meeting an illegal ballot was taken. I now move that the master appoint

a committee of three (past masters, if possible), to whom I may report in private what has been told me, the committee to report to the lodge. The motion was seconded by Brother G. and was carried by the lodge. The master appointed as such committee Brothers B., C. and D., to whom Brother F. reported as follows: 'I have been told by Brother B., who acted senior deacon at our meeting of February 25, that he saw, when removing the balls from the box, that an unfavorable ballot had been cast. Upon consulting the code, the committee ruled that the candidate stood elected. Brother B. then stated to the committee that he had himself cast a black ball, was sure that he had done so, and sure that he had seen it in the box when removing the evidence of the ballot. The master and wardens were then called, who stated that they are well satisfied that the ballot was clear. The master then postponed the conferring of the degree until the ruling of the grand master should be obtained.

"*Question.*—Is the candidate elected and entitled to the degrees; if not, how shall we proceed?

"*Answer.*—No. We must take into consideration the intent of the brother who stated that he cast the black ball. The very fact that he stated he did so showed his intention even if he might have made the mistake and picked up a white ballot when he intended to use a black one, which, no doubt was the case, else the officers, who examined the ballot, could not have found it clear. The brother, however, having declared that he cast a black ball, his intentions must govern my decision, and I must declare the candidate rejected, and he must wait for the expiration of the statutory time before he can renew his application for the degrees."

This decision is disapproved. The ballot once spread, inspected and declared is final. It cannot be attacked at a subsequent meeting by collateral evidence. It is the duty of the master, upon declaring the ballot, to destroy it; and upon the declaration of the master, after the inspection of the ballot, the candidate is elected and entitled to the degrees, if the ballot is clear.

We think the decision of the jurisprudence committee correct.

There is no report on correspondence.

Sylvester J. Hill, Fargo, grand master; Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, grand secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1908.

43RD ANNUAL. YARMOUTH. JUNE 10.

Twenty-four foreign grand lodges were represented, Bro. THEO. A. COSSMANN answering for Illinois. Three past grand masters were present, and the representatives of fifty-four lodges were in attendance.

After the grand lodge was opened a procession was formed, and under the escort of a large number of Royal Arch Masons, headed by the Yarmouth brass band, marched to Holy Trinity church, where divine service was held. When the grand lodge returned to the hall Grand Master CHARLES R. SMITH delivered his address. In it he mentioned the death of R.W. Bro. DILL. He reported having granted a number of dispensations, including several to attend church in Masonic regalia and one to form a new lodge. He recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, in which the grand lodge concurred. He submitted a number of decisions, among which were the following, which are numbered to suit our convenience:

1. I was asked, "Is a Jewish Rabbi a minister of the gospel," within the meaning of section 21, chapter XV of the constitution, entitling him, in the discretion of the lodge, to a reduction in, or rebate of the fees for initiation? As Jewish Rabbis are authorized by law to perform marriage ceremonies and other duties appertaining to the sacred office of the ministry, I ruled that they were "ministers of the gospel" within the meaning of the section.

2. While in full enjoyment of all necessary qualifications a candidate received his first degree. Subsequently, and before any further advancement, he was injured so that he could not bend one of his legs, and the question was asked, "could the brother be advanced?" As the brother had already received his first degree, and as the accident did not interfere with the candidate's ability to perform the duties of a speculative Mason, I directed the master to confer the remaining degrees.

3. Again I have been asked if the wardens of a lodge can confer degrees in the absence of the master, they not being past masters. My decision was most decidedly they could not. The constitution is as plain on the subject as words can make it, and provides that in the absence of the master the warden will preside but if degrees are to be conferred a past master must be called on for that purpose. May I request that this question be not asked again.

4. After a candidate received his first degree he removed from the jurisdiction and was absent some four or five years before presenting himself for advancement. I decided that before any further degrees were conferred the ballot should be again spread, and notice thereof given on the summonses calling the meeting at which the ballot was to be taken.

5. The question was asked, "Are honorary members entitled to vote or ballot for candidates?" This matter gave me a good deal of trouble inasmuch as I was unable to find any Masonic precedent, just in point, to assist me in arriving at a conclusion. However, after careful research and serious consideration, I decided that "honorary members" were debarred from balloting or voting for candidates and the lodge was instructed accordingly.

6. I decided that it was not necessary for a brother belonging to a lodge outside of Nova Scotia to obtain and present dimit in order to join a lodge in Nova Scotia. He can retain his membership in the lodge outside the jurisdiction, all that was required here would be for the brother to present satisfactory evidence that he was in good standing with his own lodge. Dual membership, however, is not permissible in the jurisdiction itself.

7. Two candidates were balloted for the same evening, one by the name of Taylor, the other a tailor by trade or occupation. A brother present intending to vote against one of the candidates got the name of the one mixed with the occupation of the other and, as he subsequently informed the master, voted against the wrong candidate by mistake, and did the same thing twice, the ballot being taken a second time.

The master, the ballot being "cloudy" on both occasions, properly declared the candidate rejected for membership, and the question was asked if the ballot could be treated as a nullity and another taken at the next regular communication. My decision was that the candidate having been regularly rejected, a fresh ballot could not now be taken, but that the candidate must wait the constitutional period before again petitioning. To decide otherwise would not only conflict with the constitution, but would be opening a wide door, and, I very much fear, establishing a bad and unwise precedent which is to be avoided.

No. 1 is not according to Illinois law, as we do not accord ministers of the gospel any special favors in the way of a reduction in fees or dues. We believe that a preacher is just as good as any other man if he behaves himself as well, but we can see no reason why he should be made a Mason for less money than a lawyer, physician or editor is obliged to pay. No. 2 and No. 5 are good law in this jurisdiction, but we do not see the propriety of "turning down" the wardens of a lodge, as is provided for in No. 3. Regarding No. 4, we have no limit of time within which an E.A. or F.C. may be required to advance. If he has fallen from grace during his absence from the jurisdiction, it certainly would be proper to object to his advancement, and, with us, the brother can demand a trial, upon the result of which his status would depend. Referring to No. 6, dual membership, either inside or outside of our jurisdiction, is not permissible. In reference to No. 7, the Illinois law provides that when any candidate for the degrees has been rejected by any lodge through mistake or misapprehension, such lodge may correct such error at the same or any subsequent stated meeting, in the following manner only, viz.: the member or members who have balloted in

the negative by mistake, or under misapprehension, shall announce the same in open lodge, and the number of such members, if more than one, shall correspond with the number of negative ballots by which the candidate was rejected. All the members present at the time of the first ballot shall have due notice of the time such ballot will be renewed. This method has been in operation for a number of years and gives general satisfaction.

The grand master made a number of suggestions, among which were the following of general application:

In another lodge it was intimated that the degrees were given in any "old way" so long as they were conferred. This is all wrong and thoroughly unmasonic. The greatest care should be taken in the conferring of each of the degrees so that their beauty may not be marred or their solemnity affected. Everything should be done "decently and in order" so that the candidate might be impressed for life with the beauty, the grandeur and the solemnity of the scene through which he is passing, and in which he is playing such an important part. Nothing at all light or frivolous—some of the brethren will know what I mean—should enter into the initiation of candidates, it is not Masonic and is lowering to our noble order. It was also brought to my notice that in some lodges the lectures were rarely if ever given. The candidate was informed that there were some lectures in connection with the degree, but as the hour was late they would be given at another time, but unfortunately that other time never came. This is a great oversight and should be remedied, for while the degree work, if properly exemplified, is grand, the lectures are both beautiful and most instructive, and each and every candidate should have the benefit of them. It has also been reported, I trust incorrectly, that in some instances the candidates are examined outside the lodge, the report made that they have passed "most satisfactory examinations," and thereupon advanced. This is entirely wrong and should not again occur. The examination should take place in open lodge by the master, or by some well-informed brother appointed by him, every member having the right to interrogate the candidate should they wish to do so. These examinations should not be mere matters of form but full, clear and searching for the candidate will be the better for them. While in our jurisdiction these examinations are confined to the first and second degrees, in some jurisdictions, a month or two after the brother has been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he is obliged to present himself for a thorough examination as to the work of that degree, and in fact of all three degrees. I would hail with delight and satisfaction such a regulation in our own jurisdiction as being most beneficial to the candidate and thereby interesting him as nothing else might. If the work is thoroughly impressed upon the mind of the newly made Mason while in time he may become "rusty," it will soon come back and there is no better way in which to impress it than by the examinations mentioned. And the importance of this is seen when visiting another lodge and having to work our way in. I suggest, therefore, that these examinations be made as complete and thorough as possible.

On the recommendation of the grand master, the rank of honorary past deputy grand master was conferred on Grand Treasurer JAMES DEMPSTER and Grand Secretary THOMAS MOWBRAY, as a token of the appreciation of the grand lodge for their faithful services.

The grand secretary reported that there were seventy lodges on the roll, with a total membership of 5,363, a gain of 343 having been made during the year. The grand treasurer reported that when he was first elected, twenty-seven years ago, that there was $25 in the treasury and a mortgage on the grand lodge hall at Halifax of $22,000. The debt has been paid off and a comfortable balance is on hand. "The Home for Aged Masons" fund contains $23,580.

The trustees of the grand lodge hall reported that they had refused to rent a room in it for a moving picture show, although they had had several applications.

It was decided to establish a Masonic home for aged Masons, their wives and widows, and a well-improved farm of forty acres at Windsor was ordered purchased for that purpose, for $5,000.

At the first evening's session the mortgage on the grand lodge property was burned, while the members "with a wild, a sudden and heartfelt impulse sang together most heartily that grand old hymn, 'Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.'"

The following motion was adopted:

That this grand lodge recommends that no subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction shall, in future, knowingly, entertain the application for the degrees or for affiliation of any person engaged in manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

The following resolution was also adopted:

That the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry be read in every lodge in this jurisdiction at least once a year, either on the night of installation of officers or at such other time the worshipful master may direct.

We are curious to know what the lodges will read in order to conform to the above mandate.

CHARLES R. SMITH, of Amherst, was re-elected grand master; THOMAS MOWBRAY, of Halifax, was re-elected grand secretary.

The report on correspondence (179 pp.) is by Grand Secretary MOWBRAY. The Illinois proceedings for 1907 receive fraternal notice, and Brother ROBBINS' report is highly commended.

OKLAHOMA, 1908.

16TH ANNUAL. GUTHRIE. FEBRUARY 11.

The fine face of EARL BEEBE, grand master 1907, illustrates the fly-leaf of this volume. The record of the annual, is preceded by the minutes of three special communications; at Guthrie, May 11, 1907, to lay the corner-stone of the Logan county court house; at Chandler, July 18, 1907, to lay the corner-stone of the Lincoln county court house, and at Lawton, November 11, 1907, to place the corner-stone of the Masonic temple in that city. We notice that the record says that the first of these specials was held "under the auspices" of Guthrie and Albert Pike lodges, and we confess to being old-fashioned enough to shy a little at conceding that a grand lodge can be *under* anything in Masonry. We think it probably was intended to say that the grand lodge very graciously accepted the generous hospitality of two of its constituents, or words to that effect. While we are in a slightly critical mood we will quote from the record anent the opening of the annual communication, in order to ask a question or two. The minutes read:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma commenced its sixteenth annual communication in the hall of the Masonic temple of the Oklahoma consistory in the city of Guthrie on Tuesday, February 11, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The M.W. grand lodge was congregated by R.W. D. D. Hoag, deputy grand master, and the grand officers assumed their respective stations. The R.W. deputy grand master announced that M.W. Grand Master Earle Beebe was in waiting to open the M.W. grand lodge. The grand senior and the grand junior deacons thereupon escorted the M.W. grand master to the Grand East, where he was received by the brethren with the private grand honors.

The grand pursuivant then announced that M.W. Henry M. Furman, P.G. master of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and R.W. H. L. Muldrow, deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, were present in the temple, and on order of the M.W. grand master he escorted them to the altar and they were received with the grand honors when they were escorted to the Grand East.

The most worshipful grand master then opened the most worshipful grand lodge in ample form.

We are curious to know how secret the "private grand honors" are, and how they got admitted at that stage of the game, and also to know whether any state is likely to introduce the custom of having the senior warden congregate his lodge in order to give the master notice that it is ready to be opened. Some habits are contagious and others are funny.

A fraternal tribute is paid to the memory of Past Grand Master Charles Day, whose likeness in half-tone is given a page in the record. He was elected grand master in 1891, and died April 2, 1897. There is also an excellent half-tone portrait of another past grand master, of whom the record says:

Most Worshipful James S. Hunt

Honorary grand secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., of Oklahoma, whose portrait is seen on the opposite page of this year's proceedings of the grand lodge, was its most efficient grand secretary, in active service until its last session in February, when, by reason of the failure of his strength and his age was created an honorary grand secretary, the first in its history, because he has since the first organization of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma been its grand secretary.

At this session of the grand lodge the craft in order to show their appreciation of his long and valuable services, elected him its first honorary grand secretary for life at a salary of fifty dollars per month and created him a most worshipful as a mark of honor. It was with much regret that the craft gave up his services as grand secretary, but knowing his strength would not hold out for another year to do the work which has grown harder each year as the grand lodge grew in size and numbers, felt compelled to do so and in doing it paid him their highest tribute.

From the address of Grand Master Beebe we make an extract as follows:

Through the providence of an all-wise Creator, we are permitted to assemble in this our sixteenth annual communication, there to review the progress of the past year, and to lay plans for more and better work for the future.

The year just closed has been a prosperous one for our grand jurisdiction. The number of Master Masons in our obedience has been materially increased. With very few exceptions the work of our constituent lodges in inculcating the great truths of Masonry, is proceeding in a proper and orderly manner.

During the past year many of our brethren have crossed the river which divides this life from the life to come. The list includes many of those who have given their time and talents freely for the upbuilding of those principles of morality and justice upon which Masonry is founded. It seems to us that these brethren can ill be spared, but to the decrees of the Great Author of the Universe, it becomes us to bow in humble submission. While we mourn the loss of our departed brethren we are comforted by the hope that though taken from us, they are now enjoying the reward of their labors in a brighter and a better world. On April 2, 1907, our beloved and venerated brother, Past Grand Master Charles Day, died. Funeral services were conducted on April 5, by Chikaskia Lodge No. 34. Brother Day was an exemplary citizen and a just and upright Mason. He has rendered our jurisdiction long and faithful service, and I recommend that a page in our proceedings be set apart and dedicated to his memory.

Eighteen lodges chartered at the previous session of the grand lodge were constituted and dispensations were issued for thirteen new lodges. Upon two points of special interest the grand master reported as follows:

On July 11, 1907, by virtue of authority vested in me by the grand lodge at its last regular communication, I issued an order abrogating the meeting of the grand lodge provided to be held the second Tuesday in August, and directed that the next regular communication should be held in the city of Guthrie at the regular time in February, 1908.

Many members of the grand lodge will doubtless remember that during the year of 1906, Past Grand Master Sparks granted to Sentinel Lodge No. 54, the privilege of soliciting funds from the lodges of the jurisdiction for the purpose of paying off a mortgage of $1,500 on a farm belonging to the widow and minor children of one of its deceased members. On March 12, 1907, the master of Sentinel Lodge reported to me that the mortgage was all paid but $150, and asked permission to continue the solicitation of funds to finish paying the debt, which I granted.

The usual number of dispensations for special observances were issued, and among them one to confer the third degree at a Masonic picnic in the Wichita mountains. The idea that something unusual or spectacular must be "pulled off" in order to make Masonry attractive or to advertise a blow-out, seems to have taken hold of many good brethren whose youth and zeal will in time grow into a better conception of "being serviceable to their fellow creatures."

Among the decisions rendered by the grand master and sustained by the grand lodge is the following:

Where a ballot was spread on a petition for the degrees, and there appeared one black ball, and the master failed to order a second ballot but declared the candidate rejected, I held that the ballot was void and directed him to proceed as though none had ever been taken.

In Illinois it is descretionary and not compulsory for the master to order a second ballot, where only one black ball appears.

Upon the recommendation of the committee on correspondence, the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan, Western Australia and Alberta were officially recognized as regular. The application for recognition by the Grand Orient of Greece was deferred for further information, and the correspondence regarding the celebration of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England was filed for further reference.

The special committee on consolidation reported:

We, your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the grand master's address with reference to the uniting of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, beg leave to make this their report:

In view of the fact that R.W. Deputy Grand Master of Indian Territory H. L. Muldrow, and Past Grand Master of Indian Territory Grand

Lodge Henry M. Furman, as the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, have extended an invitation to our incoming grand master and such members of this grand lodge whom he may select to visit the next session of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory which is to convene in South McAlester on the second Tuesday in August of this year, and in view of the fact that said invitation has been accepted by this grand lodge: Now, therefore, we, your committtee, recommend that the incoming grand master be authorized and empowered to appoint five members of this grand lodge to go with him as the guests of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory to the next session of that grand body at its next meeting.

We also recommend that the incoming grand master be authorized and empowered to take such steps as he may deem best with reference to the union of the two grand bodies when action becomes advisable or necessary according to his judgment.

And that he be and hereby is authorized and empowered to exercise all of the powers of this grand lodge in calling it in regular convocation for the purpose of acting upon and carrying into effect any and all matters, subjects and powers which might come before it in any or all sessions or conventions which he may see fit to call.

In the obituary record a page is dedicated to the memory of our past grand secretary, R.W. Bro. Joseph H. C. Dill.

The report on correspondence is by the grand secretary, M.W. Bro. W. M. Anderson, past grand master, who explains the brevity of his report (only 45 pp.) by the loss of a book containing notes from which the report was to have been written. He reviews our session of 1907, and gives a summary of the main items of business transacted. He speaks in appreciation of the Illinois report on correspondence, and says:

We wish Brother Robbins had discussed the proposition which was before our grand lodge, as to whether or not the grand lodge can try a member of one of its subordinate lodges or if trial must be had by one of the subordinate lodges? Brother Robbins comments somewhat on the anomalous condition which confronts Oklahoma and Indian Territory by the reason of the fact that both jurisdictions are within the boundaries of the new State of Oklahoma. Brother Robbins devotes nearly four pages to Oklahoma which show a thorough review of our proceedings, having discussed appropriately every proposition which may be of interest to the general craft.

D. D. Hoag, Anadarko, grand master; W. M. Anderson, Waurika, grand secretary.

OHIO, 1908.

99TH ANNUAL. CINCINNATI. OCTOBER 21.

An excellent half-tone portrait of M.W. Bro. GEORGE D. COPELAND adorns the opening page of a volume that bears the somewhat unusual title of "Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio." The Ohio method of getting "down to business" in grand lodge differs so much from the usual formula that we quote at some length from the minutes:

On Wednesday, October 21, 1908, at 9:15 o'clock a. m., the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio assembled at the Sinton hotel, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and were escorted by the Cincinnati centennial entertainment committee, with military bands, to Music hall, where the sessions of the grand lodge were to be held.

The grand lodge and visiting brethren in large numbers, having taken their places, were entertained by an organ recital by Bro. John Yoakley. This was followed by a rendition of Mozart's Invocation by the Scottish Rite double quartet, of Cincinnati.

Reverend and R.W. Bro. Paul R. Hickok, the grand chaplain, then invoked the blessing of Deity upon the session about to commence, after which R.W. Bro. Edward E. Shipley, grand orator and chairman of the local entertainment committee, delivered an address of welcome, to which the R.W. deputy grand master, Bro. C. S. Hoskinson, made suitable response.

Hon. Leopold Markbreit, mayor of the city of Cincinnati, paid a most beautiful tribute to the fraternity, and, on behalf of the city, bade the grand lodge welcome, to which, in turn, the M.W. grand master, Bro. George D. Copeland, responded.

The Scottish Rite double quartet sang "Lift Thine Eyes," by Mendelssohn, and "Charity," by Nembach.

This was followed by various announcements, made by M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Melish, P.G.M., chairman of the general centennial committee of the grand lodge, as to the program of entertainment which had been provided by the committee.

Following these announcements, a party composed of fifty of the boys and girls of the Ohio Masonic Home was presented to the assembled audience, and rendered a number of glees and patriotic songs, concluding with "Home, Sweet Home," which brought tears to the eyes of many present.

All who were not entitled to remain within the hall, as members of the fraternity, having withdrawn, the M.W. grand master proceeded to open a lodge of Master Masons, the various grand lodge officers occupy-

ing their respective stations. This was followed by an invocation by the grand chaplain, after which the M.W. grand master appointed a committee on credentials. This commitee, through the R.W. grand secretary, made a report showing what grand officers, past grand officers and district lecturers were present, and that a constitutional number of representatives of subordinate lodges was enrolled on the credential list.

Whereupon the M.W. grand master declared the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio opened in ample form.

The following is from the opening portion of the grand master's address:

One hundred years ago, on the 4th day of January, 1808, the representatives of a handful of lodges had met in the town of Chillicothe, for the purpose of forming a grand lodge of Masons for the State of Ohio, and on the last days of that year were again on their way for the purpose of holding the first communication of this grand lodge, and on January 2, 1809, that first grand communication was held, the one hundredth anniversary of which we now celebrate.

Turn back, if you can, in your imagination and picture that scene. In the whole State of Ohio there were about one hundred and fifty thousand people of all kinds, nearly one-half of her territory still occupied by Indians, and the whole territory in a state of nature. Not one road worthy of the name existed, and these brethren came from long distances, alone and on horse-back, along narrow pathways overhung with snow-covered branches of the forest trees, over frozen ground, in the bitter cold of dreary winter. The same Providence which had guided the Mayflower to the wild New England shore and had sustained the American forces in the revolutionary struggle for liberty was now directing the settlement of the Northwest Territory by men whose hearts beat true with the love of Justice, Equality, and Truth.

The humble beginning of these great, heroic, liberty-loving American citizens should forcibly remind us of the injunction, "Despise not the day of small things."

The century of Ohio Grand Lodge's sun rose in obscurity and is setting in radiant splendor. Her first communication was held in a primitive log cabin of the pioneer, and today the doors of a score of magnificent Masonic temples are swung widely open for her reception.

We, their successors, Most High God of the nations, reverently give Thee our humble thanks for all these benefits.

Most heartily do I welcome and congratulate all whose privilege it is to be present and participate in this centennial celebration and in legislating for this great instrumentality, in propagating morality and good citizenship.

As an example of how easy it is to run wild after degrees, we notice in his necrology list what he says of the demise of a brother who so far as the record shows had no lodge connections, but who had a long record of association with various other organizations built upon the Masonic name. He notes the death of thirty past grand masters of

other grand jurisdictions. He reports the granting of 102 special dispensations and under the head of "Dispensations Refused," comments as follows:

There have been the usual number of requests for permission to hurry the degrees, generally for some one who was about to go upon a long journey in different parts of the world where it might not be convenient to take the degrees, and sometimes because the regulations of foreign jurisdictions permit such haste, but I have uniformly refused such requests, for two reasons:

1. Because, if such a request does *not* show that the petitioner is actuated by some mercenary or other unworthy motive, it certainly does show that he is *not* prompted by a sincere desire to be useful to his fellow-men.

2. When such haste is made it is impossible for the candidate to commit to memory the instructive and useful lectures pertaining to the several degrees, and I have never known a brother who has slighted the lectures to be an active and useful member of the order, and it almost universally happens that a brother who thoroughly understands the work lectures of the degrees becomes an interested and active, useful, and whole-hearted Mason. If one does not understand the work, how can he impart it?

Which comes pretty close to being funny in view of a recent widely exploited occurrence in the annals of Ohio Masonry.

Dispensations were issued to form five new lodges, eight corner-stones were laid and three lodges constituted.

We copy the following from the grand master's decisions, and for convenience of reference have given them numbers of our own. They were all approved by the jurisprudence committee and adopted by the grand lodge:

1. One brother may not vouch for another over the telephone, but both the brother vouched for and the brother vouching must be present while the vouching is being done.

2. A brother who neglects and refuses to commit and recite the lecture pertaining to the Master Mason's degree after having received that degree, and after having received notice from the master of his lodge that the reciting of such lecture is required, is subject to charges of unmasonic conduct and liable to discipline.

3. A brother who has been expelled from all the rights of Masonry by a lodge, and has taken up his residence in another state, may be restored to membership in the lodge expelling him, in the usual manner, notwithstanding he has resided out of the state for more than three years.

4. Under section 37 of the code, every member present shall vote, and the ballot for each degree and membership shall be unanimous. The willful refusal of any member to vote shall not invalidate the election, but any member who refuses to vote when so ordered by the worshipful master shall be liable to discipline.

5. The report of a majority of a committee is the report of the committee, athough the minority of the committee may file a separate report.

6. When a subordinate lodge of Ohio is conferring the degrees upon a petitioner at the request of a subordinate lodge of another state, the requirements of the Grand Lodge of Ohio as to the lapse of time between the conferring of the degrees and the committing and reciting of the work lectures shall govern the case and not the requirements of the grand lodge within whose jurisdiction is located the subordinate lodge which has made the request for the conferring of the degrees.

No. 1 is good sense and good law anywhere. No. 2 puts a Master Mason under restraint to do that which ought to be left to his own discretion and honorable ambition. No. 3 is in accord with Illinois law, except that with us the lodge may only recommend his restoration, the grand lodge alone having the power to restore an expelled Mason. No. 4 reflects the law of Illinois. No. 5 is good law for committees generally, but does not pass muster in Illinois anent committees to investigate candidates, each one of whom must make a separate private verbal report to the master.

It seems to us that in No. 6 the only question should be, "Will the lodge confer the degree or not?"

From the report of the grand secretary regarding clandestine lodges, we clip the following for the information of Illinois lodges:

Owing to the fact that inquiries, particularly from other grand jurisdictions, were constantly being received in regard to the names and locations of reputed spurious lodges in this state, I decided to get as accurate information as could be obtained as to the existence of any such lodges and furnish this information to our own lodges and the grand secretaries in other states, to prevent, if possible, members of such spurious lodges being enabled to pass themselves off as genuine Masons and entitled to the benefits of the order. For this purpose I sent to each of the lodges a circular letter, asking that I be advised as to whether any such lodge or lodges existed within the jurisdiction of the genuine lodge, and, if so, to send me full information in regard to it. I am glad to report that practically all of the spurious lodges, whose names and location have heretofore been published, are now extinct, and that only one or two such organizations have been established since the first list was published. As it seems, however, that certain persons holding so-called dimits from some of these spurious lodges have endeavored to visit lodges in this and other states, and have presented these dimits as evidence of their right to do so, I have concluded that it would be well to put legitimate lodges upon their guard against such impostors by publishing the entire list of the extinct bogus lodges, together with the few new ones which have been started, and submit the following list as the latest information we have upon the subject:

Ahiman No. 11 Newark	Americus No. 32 Cleveland
Alert No. 30 Cleveland	Auburndale No. 24 Toledo
Alliance No. 37.....Alliance	Bismarck No. 385 Cincinnati
Alpha No. 27 Cleveland	Brighton No. 381 Cincinnati

Bucyrus No. 1 Bucyrus
Butler No. 42 Butler
Columbia No. 6 Columbus
Crawford No. 2 Bucyrus
Cuyahoga No. 25.....Cleveland
Dumah Springfield
Eureka No. 379 Cincinnati
Franklin No. 3 Columbus
Frederick No. 40.....Springfield
Fredericktown No. 41
..... Fredericktown
Gem City No. 8.....Dayton
Globe No. 22 Toledo
Hiram No. 26 Canton
Independence No. 34..Youngstown
Lafayette No. 21 Cleveland
Lessing No. 18 Toledo
Lincoln No. 23 Toledo
Lincoln Cleveland
Lincoln Goodale No. 12..Columbus
Linton No. 9 Cincinnati
Massillon No. 31 Massillon
Mt. Tabor No. 20.....Chillicothe
Mt. Moriah No. 46.....Niles
Myrtle No. 35.....Mt. Vernon
*New England No. 4.Worthington
Olentangy No. 5 Columbus
Onward No. 28 Cleveland
Painesville No. 29 Painesville
Progress No. 16 Cleveland
Salem No. 14 New Salem
Scioto Valley No. 17..Portsmouth
Sparta No. 43 Sparta
Springfield No. 7.....Springfield
Summit No. 36 Akron
Surprise No. 19...Olmstead Falls
Victor No. 33 Cleveland
Vinton No. 33 Galloway
Washington No. 10....Cincinnati
†West Mansfield No. 15.....
..... West Mansfield

On motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. CUNNINGHAM, on behalf of the committee on foreign correspondence, the following report was adopted and the recommendations concurred in:

Your committee on foreign correspondence, in acknowledgment of the courtesies extended to this grand lodge in their Masonic papers and communications for its special use by V.W. Bro. Robert Freke Gould, of Kinsfield, Woking, England; V.W. Bro. Wm. Jas. Hughan, of Torquay, England; and R.W. Bro. Dr. W. J. Chetwode Crawley, grand treasurer of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, would respectfully recommend that these three eminent Masons and distinguished authors be, and are hereby constituted honorary members of the M.W. Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Ohio.

The committee on monument to the late M.W. Bro. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, reported progress and was continued till next annual communication.

Concurring in the report of the committee on time and place, the grand lodge voted to hold its next annual communication at Cleveland, October 20, 1909.

The report on correspondence, which with statistics and index covers 410 pp., is by the veteran reviewer, M.W. Bro. W. M. CUNNINGHAM, who assigns eighteen pages to Illinois. He gives a condensed summary of the business of the session of 1907, quotes the correspondence of Grand Master ALLEN with the grand master of Germany, and notes the principal items in the reports of the grand treasurer, grand secretary,

*There is a legitimate lodge at Worthington, named "New England."

†The spurious lodge at West Mansfield has ceased to work, and there is a legitimate lodge there named "West Mansfield No. 588."

committee on chartered lodges, and the Masonic home board, in all of which he shows a careful and discriminating reading. He also notes the introduction of M.W. Bro. GASH, past grand master of Utah, and quotes the remarks of M.W. Bro. PEARSON in connection with his fiftieth anniversary of his membership in the grand lodge. Of the report on correspondence he says:

Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Dr. Joseph Robbins, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, in an exhaustive and interesting paper of three hundred and forty pages, reviews in his customary forcible manner the printed proceedings of sixty-four grand lodges.

Then follows a dozen or more pages in which he ably discusses a number of subjects, in some of which he agrees with Brother ROBBINS, but in others of which he takes issue with him.

And just here we come to a long pause, if not to a full stop. We miss Brother ROBBINS every hour and in many ways, but never more than when the call comes to defend some position for which he stood in Ancient Craft Masonry.

His ideals of its mission were very high, and his interpretations of the history, practices, purposes and laws of the institution were based upon careful study and long experience and his expression of his views was always courteous, but clear-cut, strong and convincing. In discussing principles upon which there was a chance for different views with a brother so able and learned as Brother CUNNINGHAM there was necessarily a deal of the personal element entering in, and much that was reciprocally understood between them, but which it would be difficult or impossible for another to fully comprehend. Realizing this and at the same time keenly feeling the want of preparation for the undertaking, and the limitations which a lack of time and physical strength impose, we think it will be better to make no contribution to the discussion.

We are entirely confident that the brain now stilled in the tomb and the stricken hand now at rest would have fully upheld every position taken and convincingly answered every argument advanced, could they have been spared for the work, but no man can adequately take up another's contention, under the best of conditions and much less can it be done under the limitations herein spoken of, and so without surrendering an inch of the ground held by Brother ROBBINS the discussion is waved for the present, only remarking that all matters pertaining to the organization and government of Masonry in these days must be in obedience and conformity to and under the restraint of the ancient charges, landmarks, and installation engagements of the early years of the eighteenth century and in harmony with the grand lodge system then established.

C. S. HOSKINSON, Zanesville, grand master; J. H. BROMWELL, Cincinnati, grand secretary.

Since the above was put in type we have received word that M.W. Bro. CUNNINGHAM passed from earth August 16, 1909, in the 81st year of his age. This intelligence makes us the better satisfied that we did not enter into any controversy with him upon points of difference in our views. We quote the following from the official notice of his death:

Bro. William Moore Cunningham was one of the best known Masonic writers in the world, and was recognized as an authority wherever Masonry exists. * * * Strong and forceful in his style, he was considerate of the views of others, and never failed to give credit to his associates in that line of work whether they agreed with his views or otherwise. His death will prove a distinct loss to that band of devoted writers who are laboring to unify the system of Masonry in all countries where our institution exists.

OREGON, 1909.

59TH ANNUAL. PORTLAND. JUNE 16.

A portrait in half-tone of the strong face of EDWARD E. KIDDLE, grand master 1908-9, is given on the fly-leaf. The fifty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon convened at Portland, June 16, 1909. There were present EDWARD E. KIDDLE, grand master, with the usual roster of grand lodge officers. Nineteen past grand masters, one past grand treasurer, the representatives of sixty-nine other grand jurisdictions, including Illinois (represented by Past Grand Master W. T. WRIGHT), and the representatives of one hundred and six lodges.

We make the following extract from the opening portion of the grand master's able address:

It is with feelings of both pleasure and regret that I present a brief review of my stewardship of the craft for the past year. Pleasure that the craft, after honoring me with the highest gift in their power, have at all times rendered all necessary assistance in carrying on the labor and duties which have devolved upon the grand officers. Regrets that circumstances have been such that I have not been able to give as much time and attention to the craft as I had resolved to do when elected to the office. For, while I have tried, at all times to look after the interests of the craft and attend to all matters that were necessary, I have not seen my way clear to spare the time for the social meetings and visitations which I had anticipated when elected.

Masonry is revered by many for its antiquity, and while we are justifiably proud that the order can be traced back for ages in the far distant past, until lost in the myths of early tradition, we are still more proud of the fact that it is the principle upon which the order is based that has made it live for countless generations and weathered the storms

of revolution, rebellions and civil wars and conquests of all ages. Our statistics show we are enjoying a steady and substantial growth. During the last year I have issued four dispensations for new lodges and there are several more in prospect and our lodge membership has been increased by 548 members. Total membership, 9,232.

Under the head of "Necrology," the grand master notes the death of Past Grand Master JACOB MAYER and Past Grand Secretary IRVING W. PRATT, of Oregon, and of LOYAL L. MUNN, past grand secretary of Illinois, and of a number of other prominent members of the craft to whom he pays a feeling tribute. He notes the consolidation of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma, and the appointment of a number of grand representatives.

He reports the convening of the grand lodge in special session to constitute six new lodges—and that he issued three dispensations to form new lodges. Under the head of "Assistance Rendered to Brethren of Foreign Jurisdictions," he recites the details of correspondence had with the Grand Lodge of Kansas, showing that grand lodges differ in their views on the subject of reimbursement for assistance rendered, and quotes from a report made to the Grand Lodge of Kansas in 1903, showing that twelve jurisdictions approved the so-called Wisconsin plan of compulsory reimbursement, thirty-two jurisdictions rejected it and three were non-committal.

The grand master reported the placing of one corner-stone, and regretted that want of time had compelled him to limit his official lodge visitations to a very small number. From his decisions approved by the jurisprudence committee and adopted by the grand lodge, we learn that Oregon is in accord with Illinois in requiring that all three members of an investigating committee must report, that none of the three principal officers of a lodge can take part in the formation of a new lodge during his term of office, that a brother can be examined as to his proficiency for advancement at a special meeting of the lodge, and that a candidate sitting on the side and witnessing the conferring of a degree has not received the degree properly.

Many of his decisions turn upon the interpretation of special laws applicable only in his own jurisdiction and are not here reported.

Concerning invitations to visit other grand jurisdictions he reports as follows:

The latter part of October I received an invitation from the M.W. grand master of Washington to be present at Olympia at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Washington, to be held December 8 and 9. I accepted the invitation with pleasure and fully expected to be with them and respond to the toast of our "Mother Lodge," but matters came up later on which rendered it impossible for me to be present with them. I desire to thank

Bro. Silas D. Cohen who represented the Grand Lodge of Oregon on that occasion and gave them an address such as only Brother Cohen is capable of.

Under the date of February 8, 1909, I received an invitation from Past Grand Master William B. Melish, chairman of the committee on arrangements, to be present at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Thursday, February 18, 1909, to witness the ceremony of making William Howard Taft a Mason at sight.

I was unable to attend the ceremony but have received a very full report of same from Brother Melish, and from all accounts it must have been one of the grandest Masonic meetings ever held on the western continent.

From reports received, I understand that, commencing at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Brother Taft was obligated and invested with the signs and grips of the three degrees and received the lecture and charge. The ceremony taking about three-quarters of an hour. In the evening, Brother Taft witnessed the Master Mason degree conferred upon a candidate.

Under the head of "Cipher Rituals," the grand master says:

Under date of November 9, 1908, I received a letter from the grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, enclosing an address from the secretary of the committee on jurisprudence relative to the use of cipher rituals of the symbolic degrees. This address comes out very strongly against the use of the cipher, and I believe that they are in the right in the matter, in their way of looking at it, although they are directly opposed to the action taken by this grand lodge at its last annual session, but which action I trust will be rescinded at this session of the grand lodge, and put us in a position where we can at least freely say to our candidates, we practice what we preach.

I have also had some correspondence with the grand master of Nebraska and I quote a clause from one of his letters as follows:

"I think your grand lodge has made a very serious mistake in adopting the cipher and I believe this is a mistake which ought to receive the attention of our grand lodges in general, so that its progress may be checked, before more serious injury is accomplished."

With which we are in hearty sympathy, but the grand lodge, being wedded to its cipher, refused to concur.

He concluded his address as follows:

I have been compelled to refuse many requests of the brethren, which from a personal standpoint I should have liked very much to have complied with, but I have at all times tried to have the interests of the order in the foreground and all personal feelings subservient to the aims of the order.

And now, my brethren, I will soon turn the gavel of my authority over to my successor and will shortly take my seat with the brethren in the "has been" row.

I assure you that none appreciate more than myself the honor conferred upon anyone when called upon to preside over the craft, and my

regret has always been that I have not been better qualified for the position, but I can at least honestly say that I have at all times tried to do my duty as I saw it, realizing that all my actions would have to pass the "All-seeing Eye" of our "Supreme Grand Master" as well as to be acceptable to the craft.

Brethren, the business of the 59th annual communication of the grand lodge now awaits your pleasure, and may the Supreme Grand Ruler so aid, assist and guide us in our duties that brotherly love may always prevail and every social and moral virtue cement us.

There was an able address on "The Power of Masonry" by Grand Orator J. H. Ackerman, to whom the thanks of the grand lodge were extended for his scholarly effort. We append a brief extract, wishing we had room for more:

There is no more interesting page in history than that which tells the story of great Masons. Coming as it did in the olden days, from distant countries to the centers of learning, depending not on kings and nobles for its support but on the truth it taught and the enthusiasm it aroused. Our ancient brethren by means of the power of Masonry, had minds trained in Masonic knowledge, they had indeed drunk deep of the fountains of knowledge and of faith, their lives had been spent in the acquisition of truth and in the mighty mission of a Mason they consecrated their lives to Masonic instruction. It was not mere knowledge that made them great teachers, it was their personality by which they made Masonry loveable and imparted its power to those whom they had taught to love it. As the Apostles felt their hearts burn within them as Christ spoke, so each brother feels the presence of the true power of Masonry. The Mason who really lives is the one who never ceases to love.

What made great Masons? What gave the Masonic power with which they impressed the world? It was, first of all, the consciousness that it had a mission to heart and intellect and felt a divine vocation to tell the message of truth in the varied knowledge to be acquired. They possess truth, they love it, and they love to spread it into the lives of otliers.

The power of Masonry is endowed with sanctity, inasmuch as it is the ministry of God exercised in the interests of the truth in the lodge room. Justinian calls the legal profession "a priesthood of truth," inasmuch as laws rest on justice and equity and inculcate the same. The power of Masonry is equally a priesthood of truth, for it aims to teach the truth of life and to search after and find the knowledge which satisfies human intelligence and nothing but the truth of God can give that satisfaction to all the powers of men, it is the realm of truth and the agent in the development of it in the minds and lives of others, through the power of faith—a believer in the truth and practiced in a virtuous life.

From the report of the committee on lodges we learn that the Oregon membership is 9,232, a net gain of 548 during the year.

It was voted to provide each past grand master with an apron appropriate to his rank, and also to have a suitable portrait of each past grand master hung in the parlors of the Masonic temple.

On recommendation of the committee on jurisprudence the following report was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the request of Bro. R. C. Wright and others for a ruling, would report,

That it is the opinon of your committee, that no part of the ceremonies of either degree can be lawfully omitted, but must be conferred in full upon each candidate.

The lecture of either degree may be delivered at the conclusion of the conferring of the degree to as many candidates as may have received the degree, but must be delivered at the same meeting at which the degree has been conferred.

There is an able report on correspondence (146 pp.) from the skilled and practiced hand of M.W. Bro. J. M. Hodson, who thinks for himself and does not hesitate to speak when he differs from his brethren of the round table. He reviews our session of 1908, and says of Grand Master Bell's address that it is devoid of rhetorical frills and a straight business paper. In common with many others he regrets the apparent laxity of lodge officers in studying the laws of the jurisdiction, and says that a higher grade of intelligence in the chairs would not only relieve grand lodge officers but greatly elevate the standard of the average lodge. He notes the passing of our good brother Barnard, and quotes statistics of the growth of our grand lodge. We quote as follows from his report:

Bro. Elmer E. Beach, grand orator, delivered an address upon International Brotherhood of more than average merit as orations go, but it is much too long to copy and no extracts would do it justice. His photo is published alongside of the address.

Of course there was quite a lot of routine business but it was gotten away with in the most desirable manner, and there is nothing left for comment unless we note that a resolution recognizing Valle de Mexico was referred to a committee of five to report on next grand lodge. Joseph Robbins, Geo. M. Moulton, Owen Scott, W. B. Wright and M. C. Crawford, committee. We hope to live long enough to see the action upon the report of that committee, for it will be the fight of his life for Brother Robbins, to shut those fellows who had their genesis in the Scottish Rite, entirely out. No dodging nor excusing, backing or filling, either acknowledge frankly or close your doors not only against the Mexican grand lodge forever and aye, but against all Masonry that has blessed the world under the name of A. and A. S. Rite.

And now we strike the 340 page report on correspondence, the result of the active brain force of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, and it is very complete and masterful. Oregon for 1908 has a fraternal review and is discussed all right too, from a critical standpoint.

To show the marked contrast between his conclusions regarding some matters of history and those reached by Brother Robbins, we give his report on the subject in full, and include in it for convenience of com-

parison, what he quotes from Brother Robbins' review of 1908, and what he very aptly refers to as a "knockout blow":

He quotes our remarks upon the history, situation, location and character of Masonry along just a few years before, at the time, and half a century after 1717, the supposed date of the reorganization of Masonry and election of Anthony Sayers, grand master, and then goes after us in good style; and we wish our readers to read his remarks carefully for he intended them doubtless, as a knockout blow after we thought the fight was over, had put away the gloves, gathered up the belt and withdrawn from the ring, but we will let him have his full say:

"Now all this would be to the point if his history of the period was written from facts instead of being written chiefly from the imagination. It is a fact that in 1717 the Freemasons of England organized the fraternity on the grand lodge plan. It is likewise true that when Anderson digested their old charges into a better method he drew on his imagination for those from "beyond the seas," because the study of Masonry by modern historical methods has made it certain that at that time there was no Freemasonry on the continents of Europe, Asia or Africa, or anywhere else outside of the British Islands; and there is in the world today no Freemasonry in existence that was not derived from the Masonry which then organized itself on the grand lodge plan, either regularly as in Oregon and Illinois, or irregularly through dissent from that plan, as in countries where the so-called Scottish and Memphis Rites which owe their existence to the degree-manufacturing craze which swept over the continent about the middle of the eighteenth century, and later, prevail. There is not only no proof, but no probability that Frederick the Great promulgated the so-called Rite of Perfection, but this point is only of consequence as showing the misinformation which has got into our brother's history, because Frederick had no more right to make innovations in the body of Masonry than John Smith or Bill Jones. There was no supreme council sitting in Paris in 1761, nor was there any such council anywhere until the beginning of the nineteenth century, when the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction was formed, at Charleston, S. C., in territory already and long previously occupied by legitimate Masonry. And when organized comprised eight more degrees than the so-called Rite of Perfection numbered; eight that Stephen Morine never had heard of, so that if it had been possible for him to set up his twenty-five degree system—including the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry—in occupied territory, he could not have transmitted any authority for the other eight. Lastly there is nothing to show that Morine ever pretended to endow Fred Dalcho and John Mitchell with authority to establish any sort of a system in the United States. Of the general subject of the impudent claim of the Scottish Rite system that there are circumstances under which they may rightfully create lodges that can confer the three degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry, we have spoken at sufficient length elsewhere in this report."

Now why do you affirm that it is a fact that these things were done in 1717? There is not a line of original record of the occurrences on earth nor has there been for perhaps near 200 years. Oh yes, Anderson and probably some of the other early writers said they were, but if they drew on their imagination for the "beyond the seas" why not for all? You know the adage, "false in part, false in all." My dear brother, you

were never present at nor made the custodian of the history nor the doings of Frederick the Great, hence your affirmations of what he did or did not do, or of what he had the right to do compared with John Smith, cuts a mighty small figure in the face of universal admission of the writers either of us ever read after, that Masonry was directly under control of the sovereign powers at that time and is in England today. He probably did several things the record of which was never sent down to you, nor preserved by anyone except he was interested. It is true we believe that York Rite (so-called) was in South Carolina first, but did you never hear of the two Rites working side by side in harmony in any country? And did you or any body else ever hear of that peculiar doctrine of grand lodge sovereignty prior to 1800? How can you show that brethren known to be Masons could not meet and make legal Masons wherever or whenever they could secure candidates, when it is known that it was done? How can any reasonably well read Mason deny the regularity of the Louisiana lodges which were first organized by the Scottish Rite and afterwards aided in organizing the grand lodge of that state more than a quarter of a century before there was any Grand Lodge of Illinois? The denial of the Supreme Council of France in 1761 or of a grand lodge at the same date and even of Stephen Morine and his action, is simply an iconoclastic assertion, and if he is disposed to take the time and trouble to go to the Scottish Rite library at Washington City and consult Brother Richardson he might find out several things. And as to his so-called "Impudent claims" of the system, etc. Just look at the assertion of grand lodge supremacy and put yourself in the other fellow's place and see which will seem most "impudent." Remember how much Masonic usage has been changed by it, how much improved since its adoption and do not despise those who took their start before its adoption, as the Masonry of many countries did. The assertion that there never was any Masonry except what existed in the British Islands and descended from them, is too thin for argument and only needs to be mentioned to be smiled at when we remember the lasting monuments of earth. As to the eight degrees following the twenty-five old ones no one has ever claimed that they were not adopted in 1802 by the Council of Nine, but if they had adopted more they would not have destroyed the genuineness of three ancient degrees, and the theory of grand lodge supremacy had not obtained nor did not even in Great Britain till more than ten years later, after 1813. But as the propriety of conferring all the degrees as had been fomerly done was decided against by the authorities in the United States and only from the fourth degree to the thirty-third degree retained by the supreme council about the same time that a change from an Entered Apprentice to a Master before you became a full-fledged Mason and the doctrine of grand lodge supremacy all came along about the same time, and since Masonry has gone forward rapidly all over the world and especially in America; and as the present system is really prosperous, successful, we rather think it will continue.

Now we promise never to take up any considerable space on this subject again, but his remarks were too strong to be allowed to pass unchallenged, and we wish we had his limit of space and we would delight in staying with him, as we confess he is the most delightfully provoking writer at the round table.

It occurs to us that even if the statements made by Brother Hodson were authenticated facts instead of mere assertions they would still be

very wide of the mark. As we understand it, the matter under discussion is the question of how to discriminate between genuine and irregular Masonry. The moment we assume the obligations of Masonry we admit the existence of clandestine or spurious organizations, and confess to the need of some standard or criterion by which to determine what is true and what is false in Masonry. In our opinion, when the grand lodge plan was formed it was decided that the Ancient Charges as then formulated and the master's engagements in the installation ceremonies were necessary and agreed parts of this standard of measurement, and we believe that since the early part of the eighteenth century when these were adopted they have been binding upon all regular Masons. These clearly recognize legitimacy of birth or origin and the consent of the grand lodge as necessary preliminaries to the formation of a regular lodge. This effectually excludes any possible authority to create lodges by an oligarchy which had no existence till the early years of the nineteenth century, and makes all talk about the prosperity of the institution being dependent upon their operations the merest buncombe and surplusage.

If Brother Hodson will carefully read the excellent and conclusive report made to his grand lodge by Brother Collins, of North Carolina (given in this volume under that state), he will have some facts regarding the history of the Supreme Council which he appears to have overlooked.

Norris R. Cox, Portland, grand master; Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, grand secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1908.

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The book which contains the published records of the communications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1908, is an exceptionally well printed and handsomely illustrated volume. The thick white paper, clean cut type of generous size and the liberal spacing appeal forcibly to the reader, particularly if he is of the age when eye sight wanes, and the wealth of illustration is quite sufficient to make "all beholders gaze in admiration."

If there is a prize offered for fine Masonic publications we nominate Pennsylvania for Class A. The frontispiece is an engraving of the Masonic temple—an attractive structure. There are also engravings of

George B. Orlady, grand master in 1908-1909, and Samuel Badger, who was grand master in 1829-1830. There is a fine vignette of the allegorical medallion, which adorns the main entrance to the temple. Then comes a series of colored pictures showing the various buildings occupied by the grand lodge from its earliest days to the present, and affording views not alone of the exterior but also of the interior of some of these structures and their magnificent halls. To give our readers some idea of the character and importance of these pictures, as well as to throw some light upon the history of Masonry in Pennsylvania and the claims of its brethren to priority, we quote the librarian's somewhat extended report, in which he gives a catalogue of the pictures and some interesting historical items:

The following series of pictures is presented to illustrate the evolution of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania, the oldest jurisdiction in America (the first grand lodge founded therein being the third oldest in the world), and particularly of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The finding of the original manuscript constitutions of St. John's Lodge, in the handwriting of Bro. Thomas Carmick, bearing date 1727, and the presentation of this priceless document to the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. George W. Guthrie;—together with the original warrant of 1761;—the Dermott letter of January 11, 1765;—record books of three Philadelphia lodges from 1749 down, with many other manuscripts and records as yet unpublished; and the celebrated "Liber B" of 1731 in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, all prove the antiquity of Freemasonry in Penn's colony on the Delaware, beyond all doubt or peradventure.

How the grand lodge gradually evolved from its humble meeting places in the extreme eastern part of Philadelphia, in the early years of the XVIII century, to its magnificent home at Broad and Filbert streets, after the lapse of one hundred and forty odd years, is an interesting study, and is vividly brought step by step before the brethren of the present day by this series of illustrations prepared under the direction of the committee on library.

Unfortunately we have no authentic pictures of either the "Sun" or the "Tun" Tavern on Water street and but indistinct ones of the "Indian King" Tavern at the southwest corner of Market street and Bank alley or the "Royal Standard" on the same street toward Second street, places where the grand and subordinate lodges met in the earliest days, prior to the building of the "Freemasons' Lodge" in Lodge alley, and dedicated in 1755. From thence we are able to present an unbroken line of Masonic homes down to the present time—closing with a series of views of the various halls in the Masonic temple in Philadelphia, which has been well named the "Masonic wonder of the world."

The first colored picture is a view of the "Freemasons' Lodge" dedicated June 24, 1755. It was a pretentious building in its time, and the first to be erected and dedicated to Freemasonry in the western world. It stood in a narrow thoroughfare, known afterwards as "Lodge alley;" it stood upon the south side of the street, the lot measured sixty feet front by forty-two feet deep. From 1778 to 1785 the "Lodge" was occupied by the Provincial Grand Lodge "Ancients." In the latter year it

was sold by the sheriff as the property of the "Moderns," and was lost to our fraternity from the inability of the brethren to secure the necessary funds to secure it for Masonic uses.

The next picture is the "City Tavern" formerly on Second street, west side, above Walnut street. Here meetings were held temporarily during the Revolution, while the "Lodge" was used for hospital purposes.

The next picture is the building in Videll's alley, Second street, below Chestnut, west side. Here the brethren met at various times from 1769 to 1790. It was within this building that the provincial grand lodge, on that memorable 25th of September, 1786, declared its independence of the mother lodge in England and became the "Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging," now one of the largest and most influential grand lodges in the world.

From the humble quarters in Videll's alley, the fraternity moved to the meeting house of the Free Quakers (still standing), at the southwest corner of Arch and Fifth streets, a location at that time well out of town, and almost surrounded by grave-yards. Here the grand lodge met until 1799.

Early in the year 1800, the grand lodge secured the west room upon the second floor of Independence Hall on Chestnut street, south side, between Fifth and Sixth streets. Here the brethren held their meetings for two years.

It may be well to recall the fact here, that this historic building, the cradle of American Liberty, was built during Franklin's term as grand master in 1735, by members of St. John's Lodge of Philadelphia, and well-founded traditions credit Franklin with having laid the corner-stone with Masonic honors.

From Independence Hall the grand lodge moved into a home of their own, the first building owned by our present grand lodge; this was a plain three-story brick building on the south side of Filbert street above Eighth street. It was ready for the occupancy of the craft, and dedicated on St. John the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1802. It was called "The Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall," but from the outset proved unsatisfactory to the craft, as Grand Master Milnor expressed it in his address at the dedication when he spoke of the "inconvenience and inelegance of the place of meeting." This dissatisfaction of the brethren increased as time passed, one of the main objections was that the hall *was too far out of town*, so it was determined to sell the house and secure a location more central and accessible.

In December, 1807, the grand lodge purchased a lot on the north side of Chestnut street between Seventh and Eighth streets. Upon this lot a handsome Gothic building was erected, surmounted by a graceful wooden steeple and spire one hundred and eighty feet high above the roof.

This hall was dedicated June 24, 1811, and used by the grand and subordinate lodges until March 9, 1819.

The next pictures shows us a contemporary sketch of the disastrous conflagration. The original picture of which a copy is given was the

work of two celebrated Philadelphia artists. While the architectural part was by S. Jones, the figures and group were the work of I. L. Krimmel.

The craft now returned to the hall in Filbert street until the hall on Chestnut street could be rebuilt, the walls having withstood the flames. On March 1, 1820, the building as rebuilt, shorn of its beautiful steeple, was re-dedicated to the use of the craft.

In the meantime the anti-Masonic excitement shed its baneful light upon our community, and the craft was forced to sell the building in 1835.

The grand and subordinate lodges located for the time being in Washington hall, a large building on the west side of Third street above Spruce street, formerly owned by the Washington Benevolent Association. Here the craft met until September, 1855.

The grand lodge in the year 1841 recovered title to their old property on Chestnut street, and twelve years later erected the "New Masonic Hall" upon the site of the former hall. This was a fine brown stone building of the Gothic order of architecture, the corner-stone was laid November 21, 1853, and dedicated September 26, 1855. Our illustration shows the beauty and graceful lines of the Gothic architecture; we also present an interior view of the grand lodge room, which, as a Gothic interior, has thus far not been equaled.

Here the craft met and flourished until the accommodations for the brethren became too small, which resulted in the building of the Masonic temple at the northeast corner of Broad and Filbert streets. The corner-stone was laid June 24, 1868, and the temple dedicated September 26, 1873.

The following interior views form a fitting conclusion to this series of illustrations.

Corinthian Hall—northwest angle of the second or principal floor; the meeting place of the grand lodge.

Renaissance Hall—southwest angle of the second floor, the place of meeting of the grand holy royal arch and subordinate chapters.

Ionic Hall—southeast angle of the second floor, showing full length portraits of some past grand masters.

Norman Hall—in the northeast angle of the second floor, a fine example of Norman decorative art.

Egyptian Hall—the center one of the three lodge rooms ranged across the eastern end of the second floor of the building. This room in its peculiar architecture and decoration is unique.

Upon the first floor are three halls, two being at the east end, viz.:

Oriental Hall—in the northeast angle, wherein the architecture and decoration is in the Moorish style brilliantly colored.

Library Hall—in the southeast angle—is beautifully decorated with symbolic emblems, a general view taken from the southwest corner is here reproduced. Between the library and oriental halls at the eastern end of the main corridor is a Masonic museum, which has been lately installed under the direction of the committee on library. The Masonic antiquities, curios, exhibits and literary curiosites shown here, are fully

in accord with the dignity of the building, and are not surpassed by any similar collection in this country or abroad.

Another picture shows the front entrance to the main corridor; the view is toward the west and gives a glimpse of the grand staircase.

The next picture is a view from the gallery in the upper corridor, looking east and south, showing some of the emblematic scenes.

The final picture is a view of the grand banquet hall—as set and decorated for the banquet given by the R.W. grand lodge, upon the sesquicentennial celebration of the initiation of George Washington, November 5, 1902. The grand banquet hall occupies the greater portion of the northern side of the first floor, taking up all the intervening space between the oriental hall and the grand master's offices.

The first records in the volume under review are the minutes of the quarterly communication of the grand lodge held at Philadelphia, March 4, 1908. There were present the usual complement of grand lodge officers, including five grand chaplains, also three past grand masters, thirty-five district deputy grand masters and the representatives of one hundred and seventy-eight lodges. The grand lodge was opened in ample form by the grand master, GEORGE B. ORLADY, at 7:05 p. m. We note in passing that the exact time of opening and closing the grand lodge is recorded in each instance and that in Pennsylvania the grand master is known as Right Worshipful.

The principal business of the session was to receive and act upon some routine reports of the committees on appeals, finance and printing, and to refer petitions for three new lodges to the grand officers with power to act.

At the quarterly communication of June 3, one hundred and forty-five lodges were represented. Reports were received from the committees on finance, by-laws and printing, and a telegram of sympathy was sent to Past Grand Master MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, who was confined to his bed by illness.

There were one hundred and thirty-nine lodges represented at the quarterly communication of September 2. A report was made by the grand secretary, showing 470 lodges, December 27, 1907, and a total membership of 84,333, an increase of six lodges and 4,891 members. We append a couple of items from the records of this meeting that will be interesting to Illinois readers:

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the grand lodge to grant it permission to receive from W. E. B. a second application for permission to present a third petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting the grand lodge to grant it permission to receive from H. A. W. an application for

permission to present a fourth permission for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

Brief reports were received from the committees on finance and by-laws, and a thorough and able report from the committee on Masonic homes, too long for transcript here, but arriving at the conclusion that the sentiment of the fraternity favored the extension of their work in that direction, and the establishment of an additional home in some central location and that the management and control be placed in the hands of a suitable board with power to raise the necessary funds, by the issue of certificates of indebtedness or otherwise. The report closed with the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee with the resolutions be printed and a copy sent to each subordinate lodge, with notice that action will be taken thereon at the quarterly communication in December next.

The following was unanimously adopted by rising vote:

The grand lodge in quarterly communication convened have learned of the continued illness of Bro. Matthias H. Henderson, R.W. past grand master, and of the recent severe illness of Bro. William J. Kelly, R.W. past grand master; therefore be it

Resolved, That the R.W. grand secretary be requested to forward separate letters to the brethren named, expressive of sincere regard and sympathy, with the hope for their convalescence and an early restoration to complete recovery.

A special communication of the grand lodge was held at Philadelphia, October 23, 1908. After the grand lodge had been opened in ample form, Grand Master Orlady said:

I have convened you here in special communication today, to perform the last sad rites of mortality over the body of our R.W. past grand master, Bro. William J. Kelly, whom we have known for many, many years, and who became endeared to all of us.

Four funerals start today from this temple, and these admonitions of our mortality must make a profound impression on the intelligent mind.

The time is limited, and we will perform in this grand lodge room—Corinthian hall—which represents the handiwork and handmarks of our past grand master as keenly as any other part of this temple, our beautiful lodge services, at the conclusion of which, burial will be had of all that remains of earth of Brother Kelly, who was initiated in Washington Lodge No. 59, April 10, 1860, and died October 20, 1908.

At the quarterly communication of December 2, 1908, three hundred and eighty-five lodges were represented. The record says:

The resolutions offered by the committee on Masonic homes, at the quarterly communication held September 2, A. D. 1908, A. L. 5908, were again read, when, on motion, the report of the committee on Masonic homes, as submitted, and the resolutions accompanying the same, were adopted.

This being the time prescribed for the election of officers, that business was taken up and the grand master and grand secretary re-elected. We transcribe the following item from the minutes:

During the morning session, Past Master Bro. James M. Beatty, of Lodge No. 610, was fatally stricken with heart failure, and died a few minutes later, in the ante-room. Announcement being made by the grand master, Grand Chaplain Bro. James W. Robins offered a prayer appropriate to the solemn occasion.

From the report of the finance committee we copy the following, to show that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is in an entirely solvent financial condition:

The grand secretary has furnished the committee with a balance sheet of grand lodge, as of November 15, 1908, and also one after the closing entries of the year have been made, showing the amounts due to grand lodge; which is appended hereto and made part of this report.

Balance sheet, November 14, 1908, after closing entries for the year ending this day have been made:

Due by lodges for dues and rent	$ 6,152.00
Due by chapters, commanderies and other bodies for rent	1,882.83
Cash	25,144.83
Real estate	1,696,376.95
Improvement of temple	488,832.46
Grand lodge charity fund	85,806.54
Girard bequest	74,086.93
Thomas R. Patton memorial charity fund	111,892.08
Thomas Singleton bequest	27,633.39
Stephen Taylor bequest	16,040.56
Charles J. McClary memorial charity fund, bequest No. 1	20,475.00
Charles J. McClary memorial charity fund, bequest No. 2	34,604.63
Maxwell Sommerville bequest, art fund	10,000.00
Maxwell Sommerville bequest, banquet fund	5,000.00
Emergency relief fund	11,120.90
Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys	741.37
	$2,615,790.47

At the annual grand communication held at Philadelphia, December 28, 1908, there were present Grand Master GEORGE B. ORLADY, and the usual line of grand officers, twenty district deputy grand masters, and the representatives of one hundred and twelve lodges. Reports were received from the committees on appeals, correspondence, by-laws and charity funds. M.W. Bro. JOSIAH W. EWAN, past grand master of New Jersey, was introduced and received with the customary honors, and the grand officers were "installed for the ensuing Masonic year in ancient and solemn form, were thrice proclaimed as such and received the salutations of the craft."

We append the following from the address of Grand Master ORLADY:

I recognize the duty imposed on me of rendering to this grand lodge an account of my stewardship of the trust committed to me for the

Masonic year ending this St. John the Evangelist's Day. In so doing, I want to thank you all for the earnest support given to me in the discharge of the duties incident to this station, and to assure you of my heartfelt appreciation of the continuance of your confidence in re-electing me as your grand master for the ensuing year. In again accepting this office, I can only promise to do in 1909, what was attempted in 1908, and I ask for your fraternal counsel and aid on all occasions, in the discharge of the many and important matters which confront us.

On occasions like the present, the first thought of Freemasons should be thankfulness to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for His protection and goodness to us in the past, ever mindful of our cardinal doctrine, that our duty is to God, to our neighbor, our country and ourselves.

In concluding this year of our Masonic work in Pennsylvania, while we review our achievements with pride, we must recognize our responsibilities as a sacred trust.

The administration of the affairs of the grand lodge during the past year has not been marked by any unexpected event. We have paid off the last dollar of our debt on this temple, and this result has been attained by such gradual processes, that the honor of the liquidation must be given to each administration since the debt was incurred, in 1868.

Relieved of this obligation, we have again pledged the faith and credit of this grand lodge to new liabilities incident upon the location, erection and maintenance of a Masonic home for our helpless and dependent brethren, their wives and children. We have adjusted our rates and income so as to be able to meet and discharge all the responsibilities of the future, and we face the coming years confident of our ability, and zealous in our purpose to fulfill our promises.

There is much of historic interest in the address which we would gladly place before our readers, though unable to endorse its accuracy in all respects, but space forbids the indulgence and we are not inclined to controversy.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. James M. Lamberton, who closes his report by saying:

Last year in our report we gave, as far as we could ascertain, the length of the various annual communications, so that it might be seen what time was occupied in transacting the business of the grand lodge. This year, with the same idea, we have noted the number of sessions at the annual communication, as giving a somewhat better means of determining the point.

In many grand lodges no note at all is made of the time of closing; we incline to favor the custom followed by our grand secretaries, at least since about 1779, of giving accurately the time of closing.

While the time of opening is usually fixed, we have noticed that for about one hundred years our grand secretaries have been accustomed to give the exact time of opening.

In his notice of Illinois he reviews our session of 1908, and says:

The annual address of the grand master shows a forceful and thoughtful grand officer, and is a carefully prepared paper.

The grand master issued dispensations for eleven new lodges, and laid three of the eight corner-stones, which were laid with Masonic ceremonies. He reported the sale of the Chicago Orphans' Home property, which had become undesirable in its situation; temporary quarters have been secured. The new building at the Masonic Home at Sullivan has been completed, and, as the cut shows, the Home is an attractive place.

Number of lodges, 761; initiated 7,547; total membership, 90,576, a gain of 4,977. Receipts, including balance of $34,642.44, were $121,322.74; disbursements, $77,543.44; balance, $43,779.30. Contributed to charity, $44,315.43.

The oration by the grand orator, Bro. Elmer E. Beach, whose portrait is given, had for its subject, "International Brotherhood."

The matter of the recognition of Valle de Mexico was referred to a special committee of five, Past Grand Master Robbins, of the committee on correspondence, being chairman, to report next year.

A kindly act was the sending of a donation of $50 to one of the grand stewards, who was absent through illness.

In order that the corporate name may correspond with the name used generally, the word "Ancient" is to be inserted before "Free and Accepted," in the title of the grand lodge.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Holland was referred to the committee on correspondence. (This committee seems to have two names—"correspondence" and "Masonic correspondence").

A very welcome visitor was Right Worshipful Bro. Fay Hempstead, grand secretary of Arkansas, who Brother Spencer, in introducing him, said, had "recently been elected by a great majority of all the Masonic bodies in the United States and Canada, poet laureate of Masonry, and last night in this hall, in the presence of many of the craft of this and other jurisdictions, he was crowned as such by M.W. Bro. Gen. John Corson Smith."

The report on correspondence is, as usual, by the committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. Joseph Robbins, one of the leaders of the corps reportorial. It is comprehensive, able and interesting. This report covers 350 pages, each one of which contains twenty-five per cent. more matter than is contained on the page of our report. Commenting upon a mistake in the name of a brother which he made, he well says: "Names are like babies and tooth-brushes—one prefers his own."

We wish we could give our brethren some of the good things in this report, but space is lacking.

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In the address of Grand Master Orlady, "an appropriate inaugural address," our brother finds a place for a "smile," when Daniel Coxe and Benjamin Franklin are enumerated among the grand masters of Pennsylvania, our brother forgetting that, even if the former did nothing, the latter was fully recognized as a "Modern," and after what our brother has written in the report before us, we are very much surprised to have him refer to the body with which Franklin was connected as "clandestine." At least our distinguished Irish brother, W. J. Chetwode Crawley, LL.D., the right worshipful grand treasurer of Ireland, does

not share that view, as is shown in the introduction of his "Caementaria Hibernica."

Our report comes in for kindly consideration and a number of our remarks are given, and gratitude is expressed in finding "how few points there are in which we are not in accord."

GEORGE B. ORLADY, Masonic temple, Philadelphia, grand master; WILLIAM A. SINN, Masonic temple, Philadelphia, grand secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1909.

34TH ANNUAL. MONTAGUE. JUNE 25.

When the grand lodge convened there were present sixteen grand officers, three past grand masters, four past deputy grand masters, three past senior grand wardens, two past junior grand wardens, one past grand treasurer, twenty-one representatives of other grand lodges (the envoy of Illinois not included), and the representatives of thirteen constituent lodges.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form by Grand Master D. F. MACDONALD, who delivered his annual address, in the course of which he said:

According to Masonic custom at the outset it becomes my duty to refer to the honored dead, and make mention of the brethren in this and other jurisdictions that have passed away since last we met. Year after year as we meet in annual communication we are reminded by the vacant chairs in different parts of the lodge that the grim reaper has been at work. Some of our brethren have passed beyond. No more will they hear the sound of the master's gavel or be called from mundane labour to earthly refreshment. They have received that last great call by the Supreme Grand Master to that spiritual refreshment which is eternal.

Among the distinguished dead of his jurisdiction he mentioned R.W. Bro. DAVID SMALL, past grand treasurer and grand representative of Arkansas; R.W. Bro. JOHN D. BELL, past senior grand warden and grand representative of Minnesota; M.W. Bro. THOMAS A. MCLEAN, past grand master. The last named brother was buried by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, at Frank, Alberta, April 25, 1909, a special meeting having been called for that purpose.

During the year he visited every lodge in his jurisdiction and made a detailed report of his visitations. In regard to benevolence he said:

Last year the grand lodge placed the sum of $150 in my hands to be used for charitable purposes. Of this amount I have expended $40, as

follows: To the children of the late Brother B———, who belonged to a foreign jurisdiction $20. To a past grand master of this jurisdiction, who met with a serious accident, $20.

We are pleased to notice that he does not print in full the names of the recipients of his bounty, with particulars of their physical and mental condition, as is too often done in cases of Masonic charity.

The conclusion of his address was as follows:

It is pleasing to note that our ritualistic work is becoming more uniform, largely due to the untiring efforts of our grand lecturer. I believe that our members are becoming more enthusiastic. Our grand lodge benevolent fund is growing, and the general prospect for Masonry is bright. And now as I lay down the gavel and retire from the Grand East I wish to express the hope that my successor in office will receive at your hands the same courtesies as have been extended to myself.

Let "progress" be our watchword. Let our membership go forward, and let Masonic enthusiasm continue to prevail. One of the "great lights" in Masonry teaches us that the greatest of all virtues is charity. Now let us give our Masonic charity tangible form, so that we may be Masons not only in theory but in practice. Let us swell the benevolent fund. Let those who have given, give more, and those who have not yet contributed make a start in the right direction. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Grand Secretary Neil MacKelvie reported a net gain of twenty-one members and a total membership of 697.

Grand Treasurer Adam Murray reported a balance and receipts of $1,095; expenditures of $609; balance on hand, $486.

Perhaps these figures seem small when compared with those of other jurisdictions, but not every grand master can truthfully say, as did Grand Master Macdonald:

Perhaps never in the history of Masonry in this jurisdiction were the lodges working together in greater unison, and we are enjoying an era of peace and harmony with our sister jurisdictions.

Grand Lecturer W. P. Doull, who visited every lodge during the year, said:

The working of the lodges continues to improve steadily; and it is most gratifying to find that in a number of cases the minutes do not record a single act requiring correction, either in mode of procedure or from omission. This pronouncement is made after the most careful examination of the books, as all the records of every lodge have been carefully read from the time of the last official visitation. There are less deviations, too, from uniform work than formerly, minor matters of variation having been discontinued at my suggestion.

The committee on foreign correspondence made a report, from which we quote the following:

During the past year there have been referred to us requests for fraternal relationship with exchange of representatives from the Grand

Lodge Valle de Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Chili, the Gran Logia Cosmos de Chihuahua and the Grand Orient of Greece.

Your committee would recommend that action regarding the granting of the requests of these bodies be deferred till a future meeting.

Why the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick should recognize the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia should refuse such recognition, or why Canada (Ontario) should recognize the Grand Lodge of Queensland and many grand bodies refuse the same is somewhat puzzling to us, to say the least. We believe there should be more uniformity on such a vital matter.

In our endeavors to find a cause for this we find different tests as forming a standard of recognition of other grand lodges.

Thus some grand lodges appear to apply the historical test, that is to say that the applying body should be one chartered directly by the Grand Lodge of England or chartered by some grand lodge which in turn holds its charter from the Grand Lodge of England by direct descent.

Again, other grand lodges, particularly the Grand Lodge of Alabama, submit the following tests:

(1.) Does the applying body confine itself to the practice of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry?

(2.) Does it hold itself bound to keep inviolate the ancient landmarks?

(3.) Is it a sovereign grand lodge, acknowledging no other superior such as the supreme council, the peer of the grand lodge to whom the application is made?

We submit that this later standard commends itself to our judgment.

One other matter your committee would bring to the notice of the grand lodge is the fact that this grand body does not make a foreign correspondence report along the lines of almost all grand bodies with whom we are in fraternal relationship. As is well known to many of our brethren the correspondence report of other grand lodges is a comprehensive document dealing with the condition and activities of Masonry throughout the world, containing as it does an article on every grand lodge fraternally recognized and sometimes on those that are not. We, your committee, think the time has come when our copy of proceedings should be embellished with a somewhat similar report which need not be as voluminous as some.

This we believe would be valuable to our grand lodge in many ways, including the following:

(1.) Informing our membership of the universality, activities and philanthropy of Masonry and thus inspiring us to greater zeal in its cause.

(2.) Acquainting our brothers with the best Masonic rulings consistent with the inviolability of the ancient landmarks, as well as the great thoughts of many distinguished Masons the world over.

(3.) Keeping in closer touch with other grand bodies.

(4.) Demonstrating to sister grand lodges that Masonry in Prince Edward Island is in an active condition.

Thus we, your committee, would recommend that this grand lodge adopt the suggestion to have a correspondence report along similar lines to that which obtains in so many other grand bodies with which we are in Masonic relationship.

The grand lodge approved the suggestion of the committee as to the recognition of grand lodges, but, we regret to notice, declined to have a correspondence report published.

W. P. Doull, of Charlottetown, was elected grand master; Neil MacKelvie, of Summerside, was re-elected grand secretary.

QUEBEC, 1909.

39th Annual. Montreal. February 10.

This volume contains a full-page portrait of the incoming grand master, M.W. Bro. J. Alexander Cameron, and a half-tone illustration of the historic jewels belonging to the grand lodge.

All the grand officers, seven past grand masters, and the representatives of fifty-eight of the sixty-one lodges on the roll, were in attendance. Thirty-five foreign grand lodges were represented, R.W. Bro. H. E. Channell appearing for Illinois.

The grand master, George O. Stanton, presided, and delivered an able address of some length. In reference to advancing a Scotch brother he said:

A request came from a lodge in Scotland to advance a brother in one of our lodges. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, however, informed us that it does not permit this to be done by any lodge outside of its own jurisdiction, nor are any of its subordinate lodges allowed to communicate with lodges of other jurisdictions in matters of this kind.

Considering the fact that Scotch lodges are permitted to make Masons of citizens of other jurisdictions, who are sojourning in Scotland, the above ruling seems to us to be a case of "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel."

He reported several decisions, one of which was as follows:

Question by V.W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker at our last annual communication: When is the proper time to administer the Tyler's OB.?

Robertson's Jurisprudence says: "At the examination of a visitor, the test, or Tyler's OB. should be administered at the close of the examination, and not at its commencement." I know of no good reason for differing from this opinion, and rule accordingly.

Here in Illinois what we term "the test oath" is repeated in unison by the visitor and examining committee at the commencement of the examination, in order to have some evidence of the Masonic standing of both parties. It is clear to us that if a visitor will not take an obligation as to his initiation, passing and raising it is certainly not worth while to proceed with the examination.

R.W. Bro. Will H. Whyte, grand secretary, reported that the net increase in membership during the year was 260, bringing the total up to 6,045. The increase in the past seven years was exactly fifty per cent. The benevolent fund receipts were $2,949, and the general fund received $4,461. The benevolent fund now contains $36,171. He noted that the commission of the grand representative of Illinois had been received and delivered.

Considerable time was devoted to reading the reports of the district deputy grand masters.

Grand Chaplain Geo. H. Williams delivered a discourse, for which he received a vote of thanks, and the same was ordered to be printed in the proceedings. In the course of his remarks he said:

Levity, ribaldry, obscenity, profanity and all forms of baseness are absolutely incompatible with Masonry; sombreness, melancholy and depression are equally inconsistent. True, we toil in a place hallowed by solemn and sacred associations. The volume of the sacred law must always be open before us in our work, the sacred symbol of the Great Architect is inseparably conspicuous in our toil; but these sensibly elevate, inspire and sustain us in all we do. The notable symbols of the Star and Garter, the Golden Fleece and Roman Eagle cannot inspire and uplift as will these. Our work is sublime, our spirit must be lofty. The sacred labor we undertake is done absolutely "of our own free will and accord." The Great Architect is no taskmaster. It is a labor of love, inculcating reverence, refinement, culture and dignity in every true workman.

The committee on foreign relations stated that applications for recognition had been received from the Grand Orient of Greece, the Grand Lodge of San Salvador, the Grand Lodge of Chili, and the Gran Logia Cosmos of the State of Chilhuahua in Mexico. Their report concludes as follows:

In the case of none of these alleged Masonic bodies have we been placed in possession of definite proof of legitimacy, and of some of them it is known that they are without the recognized exclusive authority which is necessary to their recognition as sovereign Masonic bodies, by regularly constituted and generally recognized grand lodges of the world.

The Cosmos Grand Lodge of the Mexican State of Chihuahua claims that seven so-called grand lodges in Mexico alone have recognized it, thus affording a curious insight into the divided sovereignty of the so-called Freemasonry of Mexico. Your committee recommends that no action be taken upon any of the applications in question.

Our northern brethren evidently do not believe in according Masonic recognition to every nondescript organization that chooses to ask for it, and we are heartily in sympathy with them.

J. Alex. Cameron, of Montreal, was elected grand master; Will H. Whyte, of Montreal, was re-elected grand secretary.

The report on correspondence is, as usual, by Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers. His preliminary remarks as to the purpose, scope and utility of such reports are so much to the point that we will quote them for the benefit of our readers:

Twenty-two years have elapsed since the present writer offered to this grand lodge his first review of the proceedings of sister grand lodges, as chairman of your committee on foreign correspondence. He is keenly appreciative of the confidence manifested by his brethren in continuing to avail themselves of his services, and grateful for the opportunities thus afforded him of labouring in what he has always believed to be one of the most important departments of Masonic life and activity.

Only a comparatively limited number of brethren have access to all the reports of proceedings of the various grand lodges of the world, and not very many would be able to devote the necessary time to read them all, even if the opportunity offered. The mass of matter included in these annual reports is so enormous that the year would scarcely suffice to enable a busy man to familiarize himself with their contents. There is no reason why anybody should read them all through from cover to cover, for most of them contain some statistical details and even much other matter, that is of purely local interest. But it requires time and practice to know exactly where to look for what is of general interest, and what pages may be rapidly passed over without much loss to the readers of other than the jurisdiction for which they are specially prepared. The inexperienced and hurried reader, with time at his disposal for scanning over but a small percentage of the voluminous matter contained in these reports, would be very apt to miss some of their most valuable pages.

The enormous importance and the great interest of these for all serious Masonic students it is impossible to over-estimate. It is not too much to say that many of the most sparkling gems of Masonic literature, much of the most carefully prepared analysis of Masonic tradition and history, almost all there is of the jurisprudence of the fraternity, much of its poetry, much more of the exposition of its teachings, and many of the most beautiful thoughts that were ever clad in words first appeared in print in the pages of the volumes of proceedings of the English-speaking grand lodges of the world.

The most gifted of pulpit orators have contributed original orations. Grand masters selected for their superlative ability, as well as for serv-

ice and zeal, have given of their best thoughts as rulers of the craft, and have often continued to contribute of their Masonic wisdom, perfected by experience, in the capacity of grand lodge reviewers. The most eminent jurists in the different grand lodges, serving upon committees of jurisprudence, and of grievances and appeals have given of their best to their Masonic brethren in passing upon grand master's decisions and upon appeals from individual brethren and lodges; and their wisest conclusions have had to stand the test of the scrutiny of their entire grand lodge and the subsequent comment and occasional criticism of the reviewing committees of sister grand bodies.

All these things are to be found and many of them to be found alone, in the reports of proceedings of the various grand lodges.

It was a happy thought that first suggested the gleaning of these reports by a special committee of each grand lodge. The practice is now all but universal. We have already spoken of it as constituting one of the most important departments of Masonic activity and life. The labor is necessarily arduous. The task is both pleasant and instructive. The work offers great opportunities for good, but like all other opportunities, these carry with them corresponding responsibilities. That this fact does not escape the memories of those engaged in the work is testified to by the results of their labours. Sincerity, zeal, devotion, impartiality, and tact are amongst their distinguishing features.

In his review of Illinois he says:

R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, grand secretary of Arkansas, was introduced, and according to the wording of the record before us had been "crowned" poet laureate of Freemasonry on the previous evening by P.G.M. John Corson Smith. Our distinguished brother, for whom we have the most profound admiration, and who merits the highest honors that the craft can constitutionally confer upon him, in virtue of, and in accordance with the landmarks and the ancient rules and regulations of Masonry, is declared to have been elected poet laureate of Masonry by a great majority of all the Masonic bodies in the United States and Canada.

Bro. "Rob" Morris, of Kentucky, was the recipient of a somewhat similar honor in his lifetime.

It will do none of us any harm to occasionally recall the fact that though the Masons of the United States and Canada form no inconsiderable portion of the Masonry of the world, yet that of North America holds no authority to speak in the name of the entire craft.

In the case of the first poet laureate of Freemasonry, Robert Burns, no one outside of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, of Edinburgh, Scotland, was consulted, and when his successor, Rob Morris, was chosen there was by no means a general vote taken. When Fay Hempstead was elected last year it was by a majority of all the legitimate Masonic grand bodies in the world, the votes being cast by the presiding and recording officers of same.

In regard to the oration he says:

A brilliant oration on "International Brotherhood" was delivered by Bro. Elmer E. Beach, and every lover of his brother man will join with

us in the hope that despite the present agitation for greater and fiercer preparations for war than ever before, it may yet be true that the age of perpetual peace is dawning, thanks to the growing destructiveness and cost of the engines of warfare, and to the influence of a widespread demand for international arbitration as a means of settling international disputes.

He closes his review by saying:

M.W. Bro. Joseph Robbins favors us with another of his scholarly reports of foreign correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1908.

118TH ANNUAL. PROVIDENCE. MAY 18.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations convened in semi-annual communication at Providence, November 18, 1907, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON, grand master, whose earnest but kindly face in half-tone embellishes the fly-leaf of the record.

The grand secretary reported that he had received from California a check for the relief money contributed by Rhode Island Masons in excess of the needs of the earthquake sufferers, and the grand lodge ordered that this surplus be distributed pro rata among the donors to the fund.

The grand secretary further reported as follows:

I would like to call attention to what seems to be a very careless and confusing method frequently employed in the use of the titles of the grand and subordinate lodges. Documents and printed matter are constantly being sent out bearing names and titles which are, to say the least, misleading. For instance, the printed copies of the constitution of the grand lodge of the edition now in use, and which was printed in 1897, bears a name on the title page quite different from the name of the grand lodge, as set forth in article 1 of the constitution on page 4. The diploma which has been in use a great many years does not have the corporate name of the grand lodge upon it. It would seem that this most important document should have the correct name and title of the grand lodge as given in the constitution upon it, as it is the credentials which the Rhode Island Mason has to offer to prove his regularity.

It is true that this state of affairs has existed for a long time, yet because apparently no harm has come from it is simply our good fortune. The grand lodge should use no other name than the one given in the constitution, which is the title by which it was designated in the act of incorporation granted by the general assembly of the State of Rhode

Island in 1812. If an abbreviated form is desirable, it should be in strict accord with the real name of the organization. The same is true of the subordinate lodges, but if, as is very probable, some of the latest formed lodges in the jurisdiction have names given them by their charters which are not in agreement with the title of the grand lodge, it should not be considered as being too late to make the necessary corrections.

This was referred to the committee on grand officers' reports, who at the subsequent annual communication made a long report, which we copy not only for the historical data given but also to show that the "little tangle about titles" which Illinois straightened out for herself last year was only a flea-bite as compared with the mix up in Rhode Island, whose troubles are yet unsolved:

The committee on grand officers' reports begs leave to report that it has considered that portion of the semi-annual report of the grand secretary which was referred to the committee at the last semi-annual communication of grand lodge. The grand secretary called attention to the lack of uniformity in the use of the titles of the grand and subordinate lodges.

There can be no question as to the title or name of this grand lodge. It is fixed Masonically by the grand constitution, and civilly by the act of incorporation granted by the general assembly of the state.

The name or title thus fixed is "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations." It would seem to follow that the full and correct designation of the Masonic fraternity in this state is "The Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons."

From extracts from records furnished to the committee by the grand secretary, it appears that in the constitutions of grand lodge issued in 1849 and 1859, this grand lodge was mentioned as the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."

In the constitution of 1865, the present unabbreviated title was first adopted as a constitutional provision, and the provision has appeared in each subsequent revison. The civil charter was granted in 1812, surrendered by grand lodge in 1834, and restored to grand lodge in 1861. (S. O. No. 1.)

On the title pages of the constitutions of 1872, 1879, and 1897 the grand lodge is designated as being "of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

In the charters issued by grand lodge to the subordinate lodges down to and including that of What Cheer Lodge No. 21, the lodges were created lodges of "Free and Accepted Masons," and in charters subsequently issued the lodges have been created lodges of "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

The diplomas are issued "From the East of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Rhode Island in the United States of America," and certify that the brethren named therein were regularly received into "Freemasonry."

Mackey states that "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" is the title most generally assumed by the English and American grand lodges. (Mackey, Enc. Freem. p. 65.)

He also states that "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" forms a part of the title of the "United Grand Lodge" of England, and of the grand lodges of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Oregon. In New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, and Indiana, the grand lodges are "of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons." In Maryland, the District of Columbia, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, and California the grand lodges are of "Free and Accepted Masons." In South Carolina the grand lodge is of "Ancient Free Masons." In all other states, the title is simply the "grand lodge." (Mackey, Enc. Freem. p. 817.)

There would seem to be little question but that in all formal documents, such as charters issued to subordinate lodges, diplomas and proclamations, orders and dispensations, from the Grand East, strict propriety would require the use of the full legal title of grand lodge, as adopted in the grand constitution. However, as no harm has come from this lack of uniformity in terminology extending over a long period, as a present change in the form of diplomas would entail great expense upon grand lodge, the committee does not recommend any alteration until such time as it shall be found necessary to prepare a new plate.

It does not seem desirable to recall outstanding charters for the purpose of issuing new in which the title of the fraternity shall be more accurately inscribed. Outside of the expense, such a proceeding would tend to lessen the veneration and love which true Masons have for the Masonic charter of the lodge of which they are members.

The terminology in new charters and other documents issuing from the Grand East can safely be left with the grand master responsible for such issue.

While the committee makes no recommendation for action by grand lodge, it desires to express appreciation of the faithful attention to details on the part of the grand secretary which has resulted in bringing this subject before grand lodge.

At the annual communication held May 18, 1908, there were present M.W. Bro. Arthur H. Armington, grand master, with the usual complement of grand lodge officers, twenty-seven masters of lodges, one proxy for master and one hundred and forty-two past masters, also seven past grand masters, one past senior grand warden and two past junior grand wardens.

The grand master's address opened as follows:

Through the loving care and manifold blessings of our Heavenly Father we are enabled to meet today in health and happiness, to consider together the interests of the craft in this the 118th annual communication of grand lodge. But our joy in meeting is mingled with sadness as we realize that many of our number, during the past year, have been summoned by the angel of death to join the great majority. Twenty-four members of grand lodge, many of them brethren upon

whose presence and wisdom we had learned to rely, have obeyed that summons. The mention of their names will recall to our minds the memory of their virtues and to our hearts the sense of our loss.

Under the head of "Decisions," we find the following:

I received from a member of a subordinate lodge an appeal from the action of the lodge in levying an assessment upon its members to provide for the expense incurred in a celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its organization. The reasons given for the appeal were: *First,* that the assessment was illegal and unmasonic; *second,* that the appellant, as a life member, was not liable to assessment. The appellant asked for a definite ruling as to the legality of the assessment.

Upon examining the records of the lodge, I found that the assessment was voted at a regular communication of the lodge upon recommendation of a committee which had been regularly appointed for the purpose of considering and reporting a plan for a proper celebration of the anniversary, and that notice that such recommendations were to be acted upon was included in the printed notice of the communication mailed to every member of the lodge.

An inspection of the by-laws of the lodge revealed the fact that life membership, as provided for therein, conferred no benefits or privileges except exemption from the payment of annual dues.

It seemed apparent, therefore, that the action of the lodge in making the assessment was in proper form, and that life members were subject to assessment; the real question to be decided being whether or not the lodge had the power to levy an assessment for the purpose named.

As is well known to members of grand lodge, our subordinate lodges have long been accustomed to use their funds for various purposes which, in many jurisdictions, are not considered strictly Masonic, and for which lodges therein are not allowed to use funds from their treasuries. Among these may be mentioned refreshments and literary, musical, or other exercises and entertainments at communications or social gatherings. This practice is so general in this jurisdiction, and has been continued for so long a time without criticism by grand lodge, that it may perhaps fairly be considered to have received its sanction, and I believe that the use of lodge funds in the case under consideration was open to fewer objections than their use for other purposes which have never been questioned.

The right of a lodge to raise funds for any proper purpose by assessment on its members is not open to question, and I therefore decided that a lodge has power to make an assessment upon its members to defray the expense of the celebration of an epoch in it history which it considers important, also that this particular assessment was legally levied, and dismissed the appeal.

As no further reference to this is made, it appears that the grand master's decision stands as the law in Rhode Island, but it seems to us to be very dangerous ground. Under this rule it would be possible for a small percentage of the membership of a lodge in a moment of enthusiasm to levy an assessment on the lodge which would be burdensome or even confiscatory. In Illinois the following grand lodge by-law makes such an assessment impossible:

"The annual dues assessed by a lodge shall be uniform, each member paying the same amount, and no lodge shall levy a special tax or assessment upon its members other than the dues or other tax prescribed by its by-laws."

There is no report on correspondence.

William Lincoln Chatterton, Pawtucket, grand master; S. Penrose Williams, Providence, grand secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1908.

2nd Annual. Regina. June 17.

This volume has a half-tone portrait of the incoming grand master, C. O. Davidson. It also contains the proceedings of an "especial" communication held at Carson, on August 14, 1907, for the purpose of laying a corner-stone. To illustrate the methods of our northern brethren, we append a copy of the scroll read by the grand secretary at the ceremony:

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

On the fourteenth day of August, A.L. 5907, A.D. 1907, and the seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign

EDWARD VII

By the Grace of God, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the seas. Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

The R. Hon. Earl Grey, C.M.G., being Governor-General of Canada.
His Honor A. E. Forget, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan.

The R. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G., P.C., M.P., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. Walter Scott, being Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan.
John A. Sheppard, being M.P.P. for Moose Jaw District.

M.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M., in the Province of Saskatchewan.

R.W. Bro. John Dixon, being D.D.G.M. for District No. 3.

THIS CORNER-STONE

Was laid by M.W. Bro. H. H. Campkin, grand master, assisted by the grand lodge officers and in the presence of a large concourse of the brethren and inhabitants of the town of Caron.

After the opening of the annual communication, the grand lodge was then called off to permit of an address of welcome from His Worship the Mayor J. W. Smith, to which R.W. Bro. O. Neff made a very suitable reply at the request of the M.W. the G.M., after which the deputation retired and the work of grand lodge was resumed.

The M.W. the grand master at this time made the presentation of a very handsome jewel from the G. L. of Ireland to R.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, as the representative of that grand lodge near the G. L. of Saskatchewan. R.W. Bro. TATE, G.J.W., made a suitable reply.

Grand Master H. H. CAMPKIN delivered his annual address, in course of which he said:

Today we meet in the second annual communication with thirty-four chartered lodges, thirteen under dispensation, and with a membership of about 2,000.

During the year I have received a number of congratulatory letters from the most worshipful grand lodges throughout the continent, congratulating us upon formation, welcoming us, and wishing this grand lodge every success and prosperity.

He mentions the death of our beloved and distinguished brother, JOSEPH HARRISON COLLINS DILL, and said:

Mighty is death! Soon all who live must come under his dominion! But the dead are not forgotten. We see their forms and faces, and they are companions with us always; with sweet sorrow and sad pleasure we recall their memory over and over again, until sadness passes away and our recollection of them becomes the most cheerful consolation of our lives, for we think of them only at their best estate. All their errors are forgotten, all their faults obliterated, all their imperfections vanished.

Only kindness and goodness are remembered. And this is no trick of nature; it is but an earnest of the future yet to be.

As our dear ones departed, live in our thoughts, all good remaining, all evil gone, so shall we in the great Hereafter live altogether pure, for impurity is lost in death.

He reported having constituted eleven lodges, instituted ten, and issued a number of dispensations. Among the dispensations he refused was one to wear regalia at a dance. In regard to this he said:

In the matter of refusal to give dispensation to wear regalia at balls and gatherings where other than Masons are present, and charges for admission are made. I am informed that some of the brethren feel this is rather too drastic. Brethren, it may be, but I detest to see a parade made of Masonry. Let our lives and conduct to the outside world be the proclamation that we are Masons, and not the wearing of the insignia of office, or the apron proclaim it.

He rendered the following decisions, all of which are correct from our viewpoint:

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4 asked for my decision if it were necessary for a dimit to accompany an applicant for institution of a new lodge?

I gave the following:

It was not necessary under the constitution for a brother wishing to sign an application for the institution of a new lodge to take out his dimit from the lodge in this jurisdiction, but that a certificate of standing is all that is necessary.

Moosomin Lodge No. 5 asked if in my opinion a dimit could issue to an E.A. or F.C.

I replied:

That in my opinion a dimit could not be issued to an E.A. or F.C., that if a brother were removing from this jurisdiction then the necessary degree or degrees to be conferred should be conferred at the request of the mother lodge, by the lodge where candidate is residing, and after the brother receives the degrees and so reported to the mother lodge, then dimit can issue.

Qu'Appelle Valley Lodge No. 4 also asked for ruling on acceptance of application of person engaged in the liquor traffic?

To which I replied:

That nothing in our constitution debarred acceptance, if their by-laws did not.

He stated that he had issued a commission as grand representative to R.W. Bro. James A. Steele, of Sullivan, Illinois, and reported an unusual question as follows:

I have been asked, regarding the acceptance of an application for affiliation of a Chinese Mason, and I stated that if made in a lodge under the jurisdiction of one of the grand bodies recognized by us, yes, if not, then it could not be accepted. This to me would also apply to any other nationality.

The committee on benevolence reported that no application for relief had been received during the year. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba having voted the sum of $1,000 to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan as the latter's portion of the funds on hand at the time of its withdrawal from the former, the committee recommended that this said amount be appropriated as a foundation for a benevolent fund, to which the grand lodge agreed.

The committee on grand master's address approved of all matters reported, and said:

The committee fully agree with the decision of the grand master regarding the wearing of the apron in public. It should only be worn when at work. If the brethren are desirous of wearing a distinguishing badge when attending divine service or at festive gatherings, we think a small ribbon or other such badge would be more fitting.

The committee agree with the grand master that "in no circumstances should a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction enter into official

correspondence with a lodge in another jurisdiction, except through the grand secretary."

A collar and the sum of $100 were voted to the grand master as a testimonial for his services. Not to be outdone in generosity, he donated the $100 to the benevolent fund.

A scheme for paying the expenses of the district deputy grand masters was devised by a special committee, and consists of the simple plan of "striking a per capita tax on all the brethren of each district."

The rank of past grand master was conferred upon Bro. JOHN LESLIE. The grand lodge, although only two years old, has six past grand masters on its roll. In our opinion it is not wise to make this distinguished rank too common, as to do so, in the words of ARTEMUS WARD, "takes the wire-edge off" the distinction.

It appears that some of the lodges that were chartered last year performed work after the close of grand lodge before they were constituted, and a resolution was passed "healing" the work that was illegally done.

C. O. DAVIDSON, of Prince Albert, was elected grand master; J. M. SHAW, of Regina, re-elected grand secretary.

There is no report on correspondence.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1909.

3RD ANNUAL. MOOSE JAW. JUNE 16.

This volume is illustrated with a half-tone portrait of HAROLD JAGGER, the incoming grand master.

Two past grand masters were present and twenty-five members of the diplomatic corps, including G. W. BILBROUGH, the representative of Illinois.

Mayor HOPKINS, of the city of Moose Jaw, delivered an address of welcome.

The grand master on the throne, C. O. DAVIDSON, delivered his annual address. After calling attention to the fact that at the formation of the grand lodge in 1906 there were but twenty-four lodges on the register, "and today we have forty chartered lodges, which with eighteen working under dispensation, makes a total of fifty-eight, with an approximate membership of twenty-five hundred," he said:

In the general striving for good results, there is an ever existing possibility of our losing sight of what really may be regarded as such. There is a danger of our attaching more importance to quantity than to quality, forgetting that one good Mason is more valuable than a dozen bad ones, and thus, instead of advancing the interests of the order, we are doing our part in bringing about the beginning of the end of its dignity and usefulness. We are removing the lofty ideals by which, in the past, we have been actuated, and substituting for them—what?

It behooves us, as Masons, to see that none but those who are worthy to participate in those ancient and honorable traditions, which have been handed down to us through the centuries, are allowed to pass the portals; and, "lest we forget," let us often consider what are the duties and responsibilities of a Mason, and by applying ourselves to exemplifying in our daily lives those Masonic principles, which have been so forcibly recommended to us, do our part in making Freemasonry, in the present and future, that great influence for good which we are proud to know it has been in the past.

In regard to the formation of new lodges he said:

It is my opinion that no petition for a dispensation for a new lodge should be entertained unless it is accompanied by satisfactory evidence, (1) That there are a sufficient number of Masons actually resident at, or very near the proposed location who have pledged themselves to support the lodge, so that it may be maintained in a reasonable state of efficiency, independent of any anticipation of "new material;" (2) That comfortable quarters properly equipped for the carrying on of the work of the proposed lodge decently, and in order, have been actually secured. Both of these conditions I consider absolutely necessary.

In the list of the fraternal dead he mentions Joseph M. Coombs, past district deputy grand master of their first district, and Loyal L. Munn, past grand secretary of Illinois. The conclusion of this portion of his address was as follows:

This is a subject upon which few of us care to dwell, but with which we all of us sooner or later are obliged to become familiar. But while we cherish in our hearts the memory of those who have gone before, let us not forget that possibly the dear ones, the bereaved mother, the sorrowing widow or the fatherless children who are left behind, have much more need of a place in our thoughts; and that in remembering them, we are paying the most fitting tribute and the most Masonic, to the memory of our dead brethren.

He reported having constituted four lodges, instituted six, visited nine, and issued forty-three special dispensations, nearly half the number being to attend divine service. He refused to grant dispensations to initiate two candidates who were maimed. He reported the following decisions, which we have numbered for convenience:

1. I was applied to for my sanction of a lottery to be held in aid of a Masonic hall building fund. To this I replied that I do not approve of enterprises of this nature for Masonic purposes, as in my estimation they tend to lower Masonry in the opinion of the public.

2. A question was placed before me, upon which Most W. Bro. Campkin had already given a ruling, "Can a dimit issue to an E.A.

or a F.C.?" In regard to this, after careful consideration, I am compelled to differ with Bro. Campkin. I cannot find that the constitution lays down any rule prohibiting the issue of a dimit to a brother below the rank of M.M. On the contrary Sec. 221 says that under certain conditions a member of a lodge in good standing shall receive his dimit, and Sec. 261 defines a member as a candidate who has been initiated. It is true that the form of dimit given in the appendix to the constitution reads *Master Mason* in good standing, but I do not think that those forms should be considered as obligatory, especially if they are at variance with the constitution. I find that the practice of issuing dimits to members who have not attained the rank of Master Mason, is in vogue in other grand jurisdictions.

3. I was asked if a lodge under dispensation had the right to confer honorary membership, and replied that in my opinion such a lodge had this right under Sec. 248 of the constitution.

4. I ruled that the election of a brother to the mastership of his lodge immediately after he had been elected senior warden at the same meeting, presumably to qualify him for the higher office, was irregular, and ordered that the incumbent master should retain his office until proper steps had been taken to elect his successor.

5. In the case of objections to a ballot for initiation on account of the investigating committee's report being a verbal one, I ruled that as the name was regularly set down for ballot in the notice of the meeting that the ballot was legal, and the result should stand.

The grand lodge approved of all the above with the exception of No. 2. In this Saskatchewan is in accord with Illinois. We grant dimits to Master Masons, but in the case of an E.A. or a F.C. we issue a certificate. There is no doubt as to the correctness of No. 1 and No. 3. With us the *election* of a brother to the office of warden would not in itself qualify him as a candidate for master—he must also be installed. The grand master ruled wisely in his fourth decision. In regard to No. 5, it is evidently the proper thing in Saskatchewan for an investigating committee to make a written report, but with us a verbal report made privately to the master is found by long experience to be more satisfactory. Suppose that Mr. A petitions Blank Lodge for the degrees and the petition is referred to a committee consisting of Brothers B, C and D. If one or more of these report unfavorable and the report is made a matter of record, when Mr. A becomes Bro. A in course of time, in spite of the committee's report and his consequent rejection, he will have an opportunity to inspect the record and satisfy himself as to the brother who was to blame for his being kept out of the lodge one or more years. Will it not be more conducive to harmony for Bro. A to be unable to gain this knowledge?

The printed reports of the district grand master's occupy fully one-third of the volume of proceedings.

The benevolent fund has reached the sum of $1,155, certainly a very respectable amount for so young an organization.

The grand secretary's salary was increased to $800 per annum, and $100 was appropriated "to compensate in some small way" the committee on foreign correspondence for writing a report, which, we presume, will be published next year.

Past Grand Master Leonard Morris, of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, was elected honorary past grand master of Saskatchewan; and it was decided to hold the next session of the grand lodge in the city of Saskatoon.

A number of amendments to the constitution were adopted, among which we note the following:

Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall be excluded from the communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the grand lodge until he publicly owns his fault and grace be granted.

Harold Jagger, of Moose Jaw, was elected grand master; John M. Shaw, of Regina, re-elected grand secretary.

There is no report on correspondence.

SCOTLAND, 1908.

173rd Annual. Edinburgh. November 30.

Quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge of Scotland were held on the 7th of May, 6th of August, and 5th of November, 1908, and the 4th of February, and 6th of May, 1909.

At the first meeting, the grand master depute, the Marquis of Tullibardine, congratulated Sir Thomas D. Gibson Carmichael, the grand master, upon his appointment as governor of Victoria, expressing the pride of the grand lodge in his advancement, it being mingled, however, with regret at the thought of losing him. The grand master made a reply and thanked the brethren for their fraternal feeling.

At the November meeting the Marquis of Tullibardine was unanimously elected grand master Mason. On Monday, November 30, the annual was held at 3:30 p. m. for the installation of the grand officers; and at 5 the same afternoon, for the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew.

The latter is the event of the year in Scottish Masonry. The grand master, the Marquis of Tullibardine, presided, and proposed as the

first toast "The King and the Craft." In proposing it he said that if all the brethren practiced as well as His Majesty what they preached in grand lodge and in Masonic lodges, Masonry would be a greater power than it was at present. He had noticed that in the list of lodges which had been entered this year one had been inaugurated in Constantinople, and he sincerely trusted that the brotherhood would spread in that part of the world; but there was nothing to present the craft spreading nearer home, and he was quite certain that if some of the monarchs of Europe were to follow the King's example and become Freemasons, they would learn a great deal that would be good for themselves and the countries over which they ruled. (Applause.)

"The Naval and Military Forces" was the next toast.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland," was responded to by the grand master, the MARQUIS OF TULLIBARDINE:

On behalf of grand lodge, and on my own behalf, I beg to thank you once more for the very kindly way in which you have greeted, first of all myself, and also the office-bearers of grand lodge. Some time ago, when I was not a member of grand lodge, I was amongst the doubters. I used to say a great many things about grand lodge, because it was supposed to be rather smart to say them, but they were spoken in ignorance, and I am glad to say that that ignorance is now completely dispelled. Brethren, I have now, for upwards of two years, seen the working of grand lodge constantly, and I am glad to be able to say that I don't think there is any body of men—business men or otherwise—who work more conscientiously for the business in which they are engaged or to a better purpose. (Hear, hear.) We are very well backed up by our permanent officials, and I must say that very few of you know the immense amount of work that is done by our secretary and his assistants, and by our treasurer. (Hear, hear.) The work that has got to be done in grand lodge is very much greater than a great many of you imagine.

Many eloquent speeches followed, together with an excellent dinner. "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the brethren, and the closing toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," was given by the grand master, preparatory to closing the grand lodge.

At the quarterly communication of May 6, 1909, the grand master depute, ROBERT KING STEWART, was "on the throne," and an apology for absence "was intimated" from the grand master. A large number of other titled brethren also sent apologies, and their names appear in full in the records.

Most of the business is transacted through the several "boards"—board of providence, board of general purpose, orphan girls, orphan boys, etc. All of these reports indicate progression and a healthy state of affairs.

At one meeting £20,000 were transferred from the general fund to the annuity fund, and during the time under review payments from the fund of benevolence were made of £1,329. There are about two hundred and fifty annuitants drawing relief from the grand lodge, whose annuities amount in the total to about £2,800.

Among the "presents" mentioned are the proceedings of our grand lodge for 1908, and a copy of the "History of the Grand Commandery of Illinois," in three volumes.

During the year twelve new lodges were chartered in various parts of the world, indicating that Scottish Masonry comes as near being "universal" as any of which we have knowledge.

At the meeting of the grand committee, held on July 22, 1909, the grand master presided. Among the deaths mentioned, was one reported by Colonel R. KING STEWART, grand master depute and provincial grand master of Lanaskshire Middle Ward, in these words:

I cannot close this report without paying a tribute to the memory of Bro. Wm. M'Murdo, who recently passed into the bourne whence no traveler returns. He first saw the light of Masonry in Lodge Woodhall St. John's No. 305, on 9th March, 1847, and died on 18th January, 1909, nearly sixty-two years a member of the craft. Ever since his initiation he has had a most active life Masonically, holding many offices and taking part in all important functions not only in this province, but elsewhere. If not the oldest Freemason, his career at least establishes an unique Masonic record. He was truly a good man and true, the "Grand Old Man" of the province, and we all greatly deplore his loss and feel we will not see his like again.

The following shows that our brethren in the far east are imbued with the hustling western spirit:

On application by the master of Lodge Perla del Oriente, Manila, Philippine Islands, No. 1034, it was agreed to grant him a power of dispensation, in case of emergency, for a brother to be advanced to a higher degree, after he has passed an examination in the lower degree, at an interval of not less than one week, instead of two weeks, and such dispensation to remain in force during the pleasure of grand committee.

DAVID REID, Edinburgh, (Freemasons' Hall), remains grand secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1909.

25TH ANNUAL. ADELAIDE. APRIL 20.

This volume contains in addition to the minutes of the annual communication, the proceedings of the half-yearly meeting held on October 21, 1908, and a special session convened on December 21, 1908. No business of any consequence was transacted at the half-yearly communication. At the special the M.W. the grand master stated that he had called this special communication of grand lodge to give the members of grand lodge the opportunity of saying farewell to W. Bro. His Excellency Sir G. R. LEHUNTE, P.M., who was about to leave the state. He referred to W. Bro. Sir G. R. LEHUNTE as a Freemason, citizen, and as the representative of His Most Gracious Majesty the King. He then proceeded to confer the rank of past grand master on our distinguished brother. Bro. Sir G. R. LEHUNTE was then invested and proclaimed, and the patent of office of past grand master was presented to him.

Upon the motion of M.W. Bro. the Hon. H. C. E. MUECKE, P.G.M., seconded by R.W. Bro. C. R. J. GLOVER, D.G.M., the following resolution was carried by acclamation:

That the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia, in special communication assembled the 21st day of December, 1908, desires to place on record its high appreciation of the value of the services rendered to the craft by W. Bro. His Excellency Sir George Ruthven LeHunte, knight commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, governor of South Australia, past master and past grand master. This grand lodge also expresses its regret at his excellency's departure from the state where his beneficial influence has been so widely felt, and to convey its hearty good wishes for the welfare and happiness of himself and Lady LeHunte in their new sphere of usefulness.

M.W. Bro. Sir GEORGE R. LEHUNTE thanked the M.W. grand master for the honor he had conferred upon him, and the members of grand lodge for the hearty support given to the resolution.

At the annual all the grand officers, thirty past grand officers, and the representatives of thirty-four other grand lodges were present. Among the last named was W. Bro. J. T. MCLEAN, the envoy for Illinois.

The report of the board of general purposes contained the following statement:

In response to an appeal from the Grand Lodge of Italy for assistance to the Masonic brethren who were sufferers from the earthquake, which devastated a great portion of their country, and reduced a great

number of our brethren to the lowest depths of poverty and distress, the board has with the approval of the M.W. the grand master, forwarded a donation of one hundred pounds to the Masonic distress fund, trusting that the grand lodge will not withhold its approval.

Of course the grand lodge approved the action of the board. The report also said:

With regard to the appointment of representatives of sister grand lodges, it has always been the practice of the board to suggest for appointment the names of brothers of high rank and influence in the craft as a compliment to the grand lodges which they are to represent; it is quite competent, however, for any member of grand lodge to nominate any eligible brother for these positions or for any grand lodge office. There are at the present time ten grand lodge officers and nine members of the board who are representatives of sister grand lodges.

The grand lodge was called off as soon as the election of officers took place, and reassembled at the town hall in the evening of the following day for the purpose of installing the officers and celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the grand lodge.

Distinguished brethren from New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia were in attendance. "They were announced with sound of trumpets and saluted with grand honours," to quote the words of the record.

The grand master-elect, M.W. Bro. the Right Honourable Sir Samuel James Way, Bart, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., lieutenant-governor, chief justice of South Australia, chancellor of the Adelaide University, etc., was then duly obligated, invested, installed, and proclaimed in the East, West, and South, in accordance with antient custom.

The grand master delivered his address, in the course of which he said:

Let me take this earliest opportunity of thanking the members of this grand lodge for having, last night for the twentieth time, by a unanimous voted elected me to be chief ruler of the craft in this jurisdiction. For twenty-five years I have been grand master or pro grand master, and this latest mark of your confidence assures me that to you I am not a "veteran" who "lags superfluous on the stage." Although conscious of having fallen short of the ideals depicted in the charge just delivered by the installing grand master, I may claim to have striven in the past, as I shall endeavour in the future, to attain them as nearly as I can in humble reliance on the help of T.G.A.O.T.U.

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Following the precedents in the Grand Lodge of England, it has not been the custom of this grand lodge to install and obligate a grand master on his re-election, for his tenure of office and his obligation continue until "his successor shall be appointed." There being no Masonic law to the contrary, it was felt that these glad celebrations of our silver jubilee would be fittingly accompanied by the solemn ceremonials in which we have just taken part, to kindle in our hearts an earnest re-

solve for the advancement of the great principles of our fraternity in the new epoch of our history upon which we have now entered. In this view it may not be out of place that I should recall to you something of the story of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction during the last twenty-five years.

With our present knowledge it is difficult to understand the doubts which were once entertained as to the lawfulness of the steps taken for consummating Masonic union in South Australia. The brethren here, relying on the ancient landmark of "the goverment of the fraternity in each country by a grand master," followed the course that was taken in establishing the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and of every country in Europe in which Freemasonry is permitted. We did the same thing as was done in Canada and in all the states of the great American republic. The researches of P.D.G.M. Bro. H. M. Addison, who was the acknowledged leader in the movement, made this perfectly clear. He also showed that Masonic union must be the work of the lodges themselves and not of any external authority, and that to make an effective union there must be a practical unanimity of the lodges —the American doctrine of three blue lodges being sufficient to constitute a grand lodge in "unoccupied territory" having no application to Australian conditions. It was through inattention to the great axiomatic requirement of unanimity that the early endeavours to secure Masonic union in New South Wales and Victoria were unsuccessful.

The validity of the work on which you, M.W. past grand master, placed the coping-stone has been recognized by the grand lodges of the world. What we did had the cordial approval of our mother grand lodges in the United Kingdom, and of the then M.W. grand master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, now His Majesty the King, who also authenticated what we had done by becoming, as he continues to be, the patron of Australian Masonry.

Our example was followed in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and with less completeness, because unanimity was not first obtained, in New Zealand and Western Australia. It can only be a question of time as to Masonic union in every territory obtaining absolute acceptance all over this continent and in the Dominion of New Zealand.

He then referred to the first grand master of South Australia as follows:

The grand mastership of M.W. the Earl of Kintore would of itself give distinction to our annals. As we all remember one of his lordship's collateral ancestors was successively grand master Mason of Scotland and grand master of England. His lordship himself, besides having been grand master for three years of the Mark Masons of England and Wales and the colonies of the British crown, was also for five years substitute grand master Mason of Scotland. His lordship's personal fitness for the grand mastership was as striking as were his hereditary and official qualifications, and the dignity and statesmanlike skill with which he administered his high office, and his long and intimate acquaintance with Scottish and English Masonry, were of inestimable advantage in building up our constitution during the five and a half years he filled the grand master's chair.

The general fund contains £1,122; the benevolent fund, £1,582; the other assets amount to £21,563. Grants to widows and brethren were made during the year of £489.

There are fifty lodges, with a membership of 3,364, the net increase of the year being 268.

After the grand lodge closed there was a banquet, and on the following day the grand officers and visitors were entertained at a park, "being conveyed there by five drags," and on the next day the grand master and Lady Way gave a garden party for the grand officers and visiting brethren and their ladies. The succeeding day the grand master entertained them at luncheon. The next day being Sunday a Masonic service was held in the town hall, conducted by the V.W. grand chaplain, the Rev. M. Williams, B.A., assisted by the V.W. grand chaplain of Victoria, the Rev. J. W. Davidson. Grand officers, visiting grand officers, and brethren in full regalia attended, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather there was also a large gathering of ladies.

On Monday, April 26, the grand master entertained the grand officers and visiting brethren at luncheon, thus completing a full week, and demonstrating that our Australian brethren know how to make a meeting of the grand lodge an enjoyable occasion.

V.W. Bro. J. H. Cunningham continues as grand secretary.

There is no report on correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1908.

132nd Annual. Charleston. December 8

The volume opens with reports of five special communications of the grand lodge at various dates and places for the purpose of laying corner-stones. We notice that the record says of each of these meetings that the grand lodge was opened in ample form on the *first* degree, and that the record is equally clear in showing that at the annual communication it was opened on the third degree—from which we conclude that our South Carolina brethren do the work of operative Masonry in the first degree, and the business of speculative Masonry in the third degree. It is not difficult to see some very good reasons for this distinction, though in Illinois, we make no reference to degrees in opening the grand lodge whether for ceremonial observances or for business, although none but Master Masons participate.

At the annual communication, Grand Master JAMES L. MICHIE presided and there were present a full line of grand lodge officers, six past grand masters, seventeen district deputy grand masters, and thirty-five members of the diplomatic corps, Bro. JOHN F. FIEKEN, of Charleston, representing Illinois.

In his address the grand master refers in fitting terms to the passing of Reverend JAMES HENLY THORNWELL, past grand chaplain, and M.W. Bro. JOHN R. BELLINGER, past grand master. He wrestles to the extent of thirteen pages with the subject of physical qualifications, and gives a synopsis of the law applying thereto in sixty-four grand jurisdictions. We regret that his Illinois correspondent did not confine himself more closely to the text when he quoted our law pertaining to this matter, and which reads, "possessing no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of conforming *literally* to what the several degrees, respectively require of him," this being substantially a repetiton of the landmark embodied in the ancient charges.

It seems to us that the grand master comes dangerously near to arguing that because the eighteenth landmark as printed in the new edition of "Ahiman Rezon" does not refer to physical qualifications, therefore physical qualification is not a landmark. We think the ancient charges contain better authority for deciding what are landmarks than even the far-famed "Ahiman Rezon." At the suggestion of the grand master and on recommendation of the committee on grand master's address, a special committee was appointed to consider and report next year an amendment to the constitution, relaxing the physical qualifications of candidates as now defined, and which require substantial perfection of body.

Among the decisions rendered by the grand master is the following:

It is not competent for a brother who has never been elected and installed as worshipful master or warden to sit in the master's chair and open the lodge, or confer degrees, even though the master, or one of the wardens, sit in the East with him.

A majority of the committee on jurisprudence thought that the master has the right to call any Master Mason to do the work and the grand lodge agreed with them—so do we—provided only that one of the constitutionally qualified officers (master or warden) is present to "sanctify" the work.

There is a report on correspondence (128 pp.) by M.W. Bro. J. T. BARRON, past grand master, but it contains no reference to Illinois, presumably because for some reason unknown to us our proceedings for 1908 had not reached him.

JAMES L. MICHIE, Darlington, grand master; JACOB T. BARRON, Columbia, grand secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1908.

34TH ANNUAL. MITCHELL. JUNE 9.

The frontispiece of this volume is a fine picture of the clean-shaven and attractive face of WILLIAM EDWIN MILLIGAN, grand master 1907-8. This is followed by a brief biographical sketch disclosing that he was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1867, educated at St. Thomas, trained to business in West Superior, Wisconsin, and Sioux City, Iowa, and that he subsequently removed to Aberdeen, South Dakota. He was made a Mason in 1900, and rapidly passed through the various degrees of the chapter, commandery and consistory, as well as the official grades of Masonry till he reached the rank of grand master. The record of the grand lodge proceedings begins with an account of the emergent communication held at Aberdeen, October 16, 1907. The grand lodge was opened in ample form, when the grand master announced that the meeting was called for the double purpose of laying the corner-stone of the administration building of the Northern Normal and Industrial School, at Aberdeen, and to participate in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Aberdeen Lodge. The record is illustrated by a full-page picture of eight past grand masters who took part in the exercises. The writer has convincing proof that the likenesses are good, in the fact that he readily recognized in one of them, the features of an old friend—HARVEY J. RICE, a former Illinoisan.

After the corner-stone ceremonies, there was work in the sublime degree by Aberdeen Lodge, one of the past grand masters conferring the degree upon his son. Then followed the usual hour of refreshment and an unusual time of speech making and general congratulations. The talking was of a high grade and there was enough of it to fill about twenty-five pages of the record in the telling. There is a page containing small vignettes of twenty past masters of Aberdeen Lodge.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was opened at Mitchell at 10 a. m., June 9, 1908, but on account of the state primary election on that day the grand lodge was called to refreshment till June 10, 1:30 p. m., thus allowing time not only for the election but also a little interim "to get over it." There were present eleven past grand masters and four past grand treasurers, also twenty-nine representatives of other grand jurisdictions, not including Illinois.

The first item in the record is under the heading "Episode," and is related as follows:

Bro. Wm. Blatt, past grand master, after an absence of several years from the state, unexpectedly put in an appearance and his welcome was

a spontaneous outburst of good feeling. Short addresses were made by those whose portraits appear on the opposite page, which page is placed in the proceedings by order of the grand lodge to show the appreciation that Brother Blatt is held for his work during the formative period of this grand lodge.

The portraits referred to being vignettes of thirteen past grand officers, M.W. Bro. Blatt having the central place of honor.

We quote the following from the introductory portion of the grand master's address, and call attention to his new version of the lambskin ritual:

With a hearty welcome and words of cheer I greet you on assembling for our thirty-fourth annual communication.

The welcoming greetings of old friends, honored laborers in Masonic fields, are enhanced by the knowledge that here new and enduring friendships are being formed to further brighten and broaden our lives.

I bring you words of good cheer; our state, in its abundant prosperity, is striding forward. Masonry is keeping pace with that development, not only by the infusion of new blood, but many worthy brothers, from other grand jurisdictions, are settling in our midst and uniting with us in advancing the tenets of our profession.

We bid them welcome.

Great organizations cannot remain stationary! Masonry is irresistibly moving forward to the accomplishment of its great unmeasured destiny. We, its stewards of today, individually and collectively, are to the extent of our abilities, responsible to posterity for the faithful discharge of that trust.

We are taught by precept, rule and example. The greatest of these is example, for mankind knows no more potent agent in the Masonic labor of uplifting humanity, than that of personal example, an immeasurable, ceaseless influence. The world very properly expects from him who "Wears the Lambskin as the Badge of a Nation" the highest type of personal example.

The grand master reported constituting two lodges and laying two corner-stones, one of the latter being for the new capitol building at Pierre.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of five new lodges, and to authorize several lodges to appear in public, two of these occasions being to attend church services. On the subject of dispensations to confer degrees out of time, the grand master remarks:

In common with my predecessors in this office I have declined many requests for dispensations to confer degrees before the lapse of statutory time. It has involved a large amount of correspondence and, I fear, in some cases, strong disappointment. The frequency of such requests and some of the reasons given therefor confirm in my mind the necessity of there being no uncertainty in the upholding of this law.

Among the decisions rendered by the grand master we find the following:

Declined to authorize a worshipful master to conduct corner-stone laying ceremonies, holding it to be distinctively a grand lodge function.

Very true, but why not follow the Illinois plan, which enables the grand master to give his special proxy to any well qualified brother, authorizing him to convene an occasional meeting of the grand lodge for the purpose of performing a specified grand lodge function?

The grand master makes the following recommendation on the subject of documentary evidence:

There is no questioning the ancient right of visitation, or the right of a Mason, in good standing, to recognition, however, our veneration for the ancient customs should not blind us to changed conditions.

It is a paramount duty to protect our lodges against renegades and imposters, and, while a certificate of membership and receipt for dues would not be conclusive evidence, it would be strongly supplemental to the regular examination and be an added safeguard. I invite your careful consideration of this subject.

It is to be hoped that whatever action is taken will be so carefully considered as to exclude the possibility of substituting written or printed evidence for the good old-fashioned mouth to ear evidence.

Let us exalt the Masonry of the heart and head, and place less reliance upon that of the pocket.

Are we not permitting the example of other and more modern societies to influence us unduly along these lines?

The grand lecturer made a report showing that he had officially visited and instructed seventy-four lodges, which is conclusive evidence of great industry. He modestly says:

Most of the schools of instruction have been well attended, and the brethren interested in the work. I trust that the labor of the grand lecturer has not been all in vain, but that is for the brethren to say.

The correspondence report of 168 pp. is by Bro. S. A. Brown, who gives Illinois six pages, reviewing our session of 1907.

He quotes the statistics of attendance and remarks upon the comparatively light attendance of wardens, adding as a conclusion:

So far as it goes this tends to show that there is no need of depriving these officers of their membership for fear of their over crowding our halls, however it may be in England where this course has recently been proposed.

He further says:

The address of Grand Master Allen was so filled with a clear and succinct account of his administration that no room was found for oratory. That part was left without infringement to Grand Orator White, whose essay was not furnished by him to the printer.

The grand master also deleted all decisions, there being already enough in the archives to go around.

The death was reported among others of Past Grand Secretary J. H. C. Dill, who had served his brethren well, and was deeply lamented by them all; and the distinguished grand orator, Herbert Preston, whose effort the year before was the subject of so many encomiums from the reviewers.

He notices that our grand lodge donated $1,000 from the JACOT legacy to the invalid niece and nephew—and also speaks of the reception of Past Grand Master GASH, of Utah.

He quotes Brother ROBBINS' report on Mexico and transcribes in full his lists of grand lodges fully recognized, partially recognized and not recognized, and makes note of wherein South Dakota differs from Illinois in its recognition of some of these foreigners.

It seems to us that one reason why states differ so widely in their conclusions about the regularity of grand lodges, is that some of them fail to give proper weight to the question of legitimate birth. Masonry lays much stress upon origin, requiring that candidates for its honors must be descended of honest parents, be free born, and physically whole at birth.

If lacking in any one of these particulars the door is effectually barred, despite the fact that the applicant is not personally responsible for the defect in either case. Nor is there any known process by which the impediment can be waived or cured; in other words, a man must be born *right* in certain essentials in order to be made a Mason.

What is true of the individual is also true of the lodge or grand lodge; it must be born right, if it is to have any legitimate standing. We believe that a proper consideration of this fundamental truth would dispel much of the fog that envelopes the discussion of the question.

Brother BROWN closes his review of Illinois with these remarks about Brother ROBBINS' report:

South Dakota, 1906, was carefully reviewed. A good word is given to Past Grand Master Park Davis, recalling his special championship of the Grand Lodge of Quebec at the time that body occupied the stage as Queensland does now. He calls our law, whereby the fee for the degrees is pocketed by the lodge whether or not the candidate receives the degrees, a bad law; and disapproves our other law requiring an expelled Mason to take the degrees again upon his reinstatement. Our own opinion coincides with his in both instances. Kind words are given your committee which we greatly appreciate. He wonders why we page our report with Roman numerals. "We do not know, most worshipful." After Brother Blatt had written his reports of 1882 and 1883, he changed, or it was done for him, from Arabic to Roman, and so it has remained to this day.

JOSEPH J. DAVENPORT, Sturgis, grand master; GEO. A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, grand secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1909.

35TH ANNUAL. WATERTOWN. JUNE 8.

The South Dakota book of records for this year opens with a fine engraving of the pleasant face of M.W. Bro. JOSEPH J. DAVENPORT, grand master, 1908-9, whose laughing eyes give the lie to the bloodthirsty aspect of the scimeter that shows so conspicuously from his coat lapel, but which, we hope, does not mean anything warlike. There is also a good picture of the state capitol building at Pierre, the corner-stone of the structure being laid by the grand lodge in emergent communication, June 25, 1908. The volume is further illustrated by cuts of the Masonic temples at Redfield, Arlington and Estelline. There is a record of an emergent communication of the grand lodge, October 29, 1908, to lay the corner-stone of the temple at Redfield, and of a similar meeting November 19, 1908, to dedicate the temple at Arlington.

We note in passing that these meetings are referred to here as emergent communications and that the same practice obtains in other jurisdictions which we have reviewed. We pause long enough to ask whether the word "emergent" might not well give place to a more appropriate one. It seems to us that special, ceremonial, or occasional would in many cases be an improvement. In Illinois we have a liking for "occasional" in this place. Would it not be well to reserve "emergent" for occasions which come without the asking, like death, disaster and disagreeable disturbances? Let us not put ourselves in the way of creating emergencies.

The thirty-fifth annual communication of the grand lodge was opened at Watertown, June 8, 1909, by M.W. Bro. JOSEPH J. DAVENPORT, grand master, assisted by a complete line of grand officers. There were present eleven of the twenty-five past grand masters, a number of past grand treasurers and other permanent members, twenty-six diplomats (not including a representative of Illinois), and the representatives of ninety-four lodges. There was an address of welcome by Bro. JOHN W. MARTIN, mayor of Watertown, from which we make a brief extract:

> Visitors are always welcome in Watertown. The latch string is ever out for her friends. Again I welcome you on behalf of our city and especially on behalf of the Masonic bodies and hope your stay will be so pleasant that you will come again and that this meeting will ever be to you a pleasant memory.

After welcoming the representatives of other grand jurisdictions in language befitting the occasion, the grand master delivered his annual address, from which we clip the following:

True Masonry has for its objects, beneficence, the practice of universal morality, and all the virtues. It has for its foundation-stone a belief in the existence of God, the Creator of all things, and in the immortality of the soul; while the love of humanity is a necessary accompaniment of its recognition of the universal Fatherhood of Deity.

Masonry requires from its votaries upright and honorable conduct. It has been said that the ideal Mason is a full grown man, patriotic, intelligent, reverent, devoted to home, alert to business, and an unfailing friend. He will always be found on the side of his country, his race, and his God.

Let each one of us therefor carefully consider whether or not we have lived up to the teachings of our order and the opportunities our Heavenly Father has given us and in any case endeavor for the future to live more closely to the principles which we profess.

The grand master reported that the five lodges to which charters were granted at the previous communication, had been constituted, that four dispensations for new lodges had been issued, and two corner-stones placed. Regarding dispensations *refused,* he says:

Many applications have been made to confer degrees out of time but *none were granted.* In no case where the lodge desired to confer the degrees out of time would the applicant be deprived of receiving the same at the place where he was going.

He made the following decisions:

Do we have jurisdiction over rejected material?

Answer.—Yes, so long as they reside in this state?

Where is a brother's membership, he having received the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow Craft in one lodge and the Master's degree and signed the by-laws in a second lodge.

Answer.—The brother belongs to the lodge where he took the Master's degree and signed the by-laws.

Will you kindly advise if we can consider an applicant for Masonry who has only one eye but otherwise can conform to all requirements.

Answer.—You can consider an applicant for the degrees in Masonry who has only one eye but otherwise can conform to all the requirements.

The committee on jurisprudence reported on the above as follows:

The refusal of the M.W. grand master to grant dispensations for the conferring of degrees out of time is not only approved but highly commended by your committee.

Your committee approves decisions numbers one and three, and disapproves the second decision for the following reasons: A lodge which elects a candidate and confers the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees on him, retains its jurisdiction until it is officially waived, and, before any other lodge can confer the Master Mason degree, the brother applying shall produce the consent, under seal, of the lodge in which he was admitted. The case cited in this case does not state facts sufficient to give any other lodge jurisdiction to confer the Master Mason degree on the candidate, and his signing the by-laws of the lodge so con-

ferring the Master Mason degree would be unauthorized under the constitution and by-laws of this grand lodge, and would in no way tend to validate such assumption of jurisdiction.

Under the head of "Visitations," the grand master gave a very clear account of the ceremonies at Cincinnati on the occasion of conferring the degrees upon a distinguished citizen. This account does not differ materially from those with which the brethren have been made familiar and will not be repeated here, except to copy one item which serves to illustrate what might be called the self-advertising, souvenir-chasing and tuft-hunting aspects of the whole performance:

Grand Master Hoskinson, who officiated at the ceremonies, purchased a new morocco bound Bible especially for the occasion, and on this book Brother Taft took the obligations.

Later Brother Taft inscribed upon the fly leaf in the front of the Bible, the following: "To Grand Master Hoskinson, with the gratitude and fraternal good wishes of William Howard Taft, made a Master Mason February 18, 1909. The oaths were administered on this book."

The following special report from the committee on correspondence was unanimously adopted. We publish the report in full because it is a clear and comprehensive statement, throwing light upon the vexed question of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Queensland:

In the State of Queensland, Commonwealth of Australia, there were in 1904 one hundred and fifty-two lodges. They were all British.

A circular was sent to all these lodges calling upon them to send delegates to a meeting for the purpose of erecting a Queensland grand lodge. A committee waited upon the English district grand master, and asked him to accept the office of grand master of Queensland. He refused. The committee then sought the Irish district grand master, who after telegraphing to the Irish grand master at Dublin and receiving an encouraging reply, agreed to take the position. When the meeting took place it was found that twenty-five Irish lodges and fourteen of the Scotch lodges were all that had responded. But the new grand lodge was formed. There was a great deal of criticism indulged in. Several of the leaders were sentenced to suspension by the district grand lodges of England and Scotland, and the action was approved at home.

It has been difficult to arrive at the facts of the case because recrimination begat partisanship, and partisans cannot always be fair even in a Masonic warfare.

The grand master of New South Wales, Bro. J. C. Remington, a Mason of spotless reputation, journeyed to Brisbane and installed the officers of the new grand lodge, in October, 1904. The new Grand Lodge of Queensland has grown and prospered. In 1908, the last proceedings we have seen, the lodges had increased to fifty-four, and thirty-three grand lodges had extended recognition, twenty-eight of them being in the United States; and the fund for aged Masons, their widows and orphans had already reached the sum of $5000.

A new phase of the warfare against the grand lodge has appeared. Certain English brethren have devised a scheme which consists of the

project of forming an English Grand Lodge of Queensland, which is to secure the adherence of all the Scotch lodges, if possible, and by its size and strength to crush the new grand lodge, and then absorb it.

In the opinon of your committee, the time has come to take action. We therefore move the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and that for the more effectual consummation of our fraternization, an interchange of grand representatives be arranged.

The returns show 119 lodges, with a membership of 7,635, a net gain of 444 during the year.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. S. A. Brown, M.D., who gives Illinois six of his one hundred and sixty-four pages, reviewing our meeting of 1908, and ably summarizing the business features of the session.

He quotes Grand Master Bell's decision regarding lodge attendance at church services, and his reasons for not granting dispensation therefor, but quite disagrees with his conclusions in the following language:

The grand master refused all dispensations for lodges to attend religious services in church. We do not think such action was necessary for the preservation of the best interest of the craft. Grand master gave an academic reason for his action.

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Another instance of school mastering the blue lodge without being able to show a single instance of such injustice having occurred.

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We regret that a grand master should have permitted himself to impugn the motives of the brethren who doubtless are perfectly conscientious in what they desired to do.

If George Washington, and all the eminent God-fearing Masons who have for so long imitated his example, could walk in procession to church to exemplify the declaration made to every candidate that Masonry "is so far interwoven with religion as to lay us under obligation to pay that rational homage to the Deity, which at once constitutes our duty and our happiness," why should a grand master permit himself, without any proof of bad faith, to stigmatize such procession as a "mere parade?" Perhaps there might be found some weight in the following argument advanced by the M.W. brother:

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He still cites no instance. Our own opinion is that if brethren should invite the lodge to attend their church they would do it in a Masonic manner, with all courtesy and brotherly love, and show willingness to go with their brethren next year to another place of worship. And that members of a blue lodge, may safely be entrusted with their own souls.

It seems to us that the question of attendance at church service can be very satisfactorily settled by the following plan: Let grand masters

answer all applications for such permission by suggesting that it is an excellent thing for Masons to attend divine service, and that to promote sociability and good fellowship it may be well for them to go in a body, but that to do this, it is not necessary to have any Masonic clothing, jewels or paraphernalia, and that, consequently, no official action or sanction is necessary. This will give full opportunity to satisfy all religious or devotional aspirations and at the same time eliminate all possible pride of station or personal vanity. The resultant attendance will show what motives predominate.

On the oration of Brother Beach and the report of Brother Robbins he remarks as follows:

A very thoughtful address was delivered by the grand orator, Bro. E. E. Beach, seeking to enlist the craft in furtherance of the ideal of international peace. All true Masonic hearts will beat in unison with his in these devout aspirations.

The magnificent report on correspondence is as usual the work of Past Grand Master Dr. Joseph Robbins, a masterly and painstaking review, informing his brethren fully upon all matters of interest appearing in the Masonic world.

He still regards the subject of the formation of the Queensland grand lodge as being of great importance, and shows that the lodges which united in forming that grand lodge were clearly and distinctly within their Masonic rights; that the fact that a majority of the lodges in that state failed to take part in its organization could not invalidate that right, since they were all invited to do so. That the rule formulated by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, that no grand lodge in Australia can be recognized unless two-thirds of each constitution should vote in favor of it, and all three grand lodges agree to it, has already been set aside by Scotland in recognizing Western Australia.

He shows that a Mason made in a regularly constituted lodge lawfully at labor is lawfully a Mason in spite of all irregularities connected with the making, and does not require to be healed.

He sets forth the view which we think is correct, our own adverse law to the contrary, that one Mason may introduce a second Mason to a third, and in his presence vouch for him as a true brother, that the second brother may vouch for the third in a Masonic lodge, or to a fourth brother, who in turn may vouch for the third brother in a lodge. and so on, "with the one essential condition that the avoucher, the avouchee and the person vouched to, shall all be present."

Brother Robbins keeps it before our minds, as it should be kept, that Scottish Rite Masonry has no right to confer the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, giving as his authority the grand commanders of the two Supreme Councils, Northern and Southern, Josiah H. Drummond and Albert Pike, that no such claim can be founded on their constitutions.

Samuel A. Brown, Sioux Falls, grand master; George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, grand secretary.

TASMANIA, 1909.

18TH ANNUAL. LAUNCESTON. FEBRUARY 24.

The Hon. C. E. DAVIES, M.L.C., P.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of England, grand master, presided. The representatives of seventeen lodges were present. There are now twenty-six active lodges on the roll, with a membership of 1371.

The report of the board of general purposes contained among other things the following:

Another idea that prevails in some quarters is that a brother who has resigned and taken his clearance can at any future time be reinstated as a member of that lodge without submitting himself to the ballot as a joining member.

Many things may happen in two or three years. A brother who was in good standing when he retired may no longer be regarded in the same light, or the *personnel* of the lodge may be changed by the introduction of new members to whom he is not acceptable. It must be borne in mind that once a brother's connection with a lodge is severed he can never regain membership without being proposed and balloted for as a joining member.

The board of benevolence made the following pleasing statement:

All cases for relief coming before the board have been fully considered and generously dealt with.

The pro grand master, Bro. R. J. SADLER, in his report to the grand master, said:

It is pleasing to note that the country lodges are working earnestly, and improvements are made in lodge rooms where found necessary, and the working of the lodges is strictly in accord with instructions laid down by you.

In the suggestions made by you to have a collection after each installation ceremony by the different lodges for the benefit of the benevolent fund, I am pleased to say meets with prompt response, and I always try to impress upon the brethren that it is your wish to see this fund augmented considerably.

Grand Secretary JOHN HAMILTON acknowledged the receipt from the Grand Lodge of Illinois of the patent of Bro. W. HOGG as grand representative, and the proceedings of 1908.

M.W. Brother DAVIES was elected for the fourteenth time grand master, and announced the re-appointment of M.W. Bro. R. J. SADLER as pro grand master, and R.W. Bro. J. G. DAVIES as deputy grand master. They were then proclaimed, with sound of trumpet, by the grand director of ceremonies, and saluted.

The grand master delivered a comprehensive address, in which he said, in part:

It is very pleasing to chronicle the fact that, following the example of other country lodges, a few weeks ago the Masons of New Norfolk arranged for a Sunday Masonic service, which was presided over by our new grand chaplain, Wor. Bro. Richard, in his church. Invitations were sent to the southern lodges, and a large number of members were present. The deputy grand master attended specially to represent us on the occasion, and he spoke very highly indeed of the efforts that had been made to bring about such successful results. It was an innovation, certainly, but one such as we would like to see more frequently honored. Indeed I hope during this year that our grand chaplains will, with the co-operation of the grand organist and members of the board, arrange for one or more similar services in the Masonic halls in Hobart and Launceston, or in some more convenient place. The principles of our order can be so well enlarged upon on occasions of this kind, and opportunity given for practicing the principles of benevolence.

I commend this matter to the earnest consideration of the board, feeling sure that a proposal of this kind would receive the greatest support from all Masons. Services such as I have indicated might also be attended by the wives, and sisters, and mothers of Masons on such occasions. Brethren might also wear their regalia. Personally I would be very happy to join the brethren in the south, and my esteemed brother, the pro grand master, would be equally pleased to co-operate with our northern brethren.

Although he believes in lodges attending services in churches, with the members clad in their regalia, therein differing with Grand Master Bell, he objects to the discussion of religious matters in lodges, as is shown by the following:

I have been rather impressed with some Masonic ideals, which were recently expressed by Lord Plunket, at Dunedin, which I consider most worthy of repetition. At the ceremony in connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of Lodge Haeremai, the most worshipful grand master (Lord Plunket), in the course of his remarks, said: "It is true that religious discussions are strictly forbidden within our walls, but from the first entrance of a candidate for Masonry, up to his final obligation of grand master of the craft, there is kept before us the foundation of all religion, acknowledgment—the acknowledgment of the Great Architect of the Universe—respect for authority, love for brethren, and charity for all men, and encouragement of every social and moral virtue. Today, figuratively and actually, you lay the corner-stone of your lodge on a solid foundation, and though constant failure to live up to his ideals is the lot of every mortal, I trust and believe upon this firm foundation, and with an enthusiastic master and earnest officers, there will arise a lodge, a credit to our craft, and an advantage to all who come in contact with its brethren."

In regard to increase in members, he said:

I have frequently advocated the necessity of being careful as to the candidates we admit into our ranks. Mere increase in numbers is not proof of progress. I find my views are supported by the addresses of

other grand masters. In his annual address for 1907, the grand master of Ohio, U.S.A., stated:

"Brethren, we are making too many Masons. Many of our lodges, especially our city lodges, are too large. There can be no spirit of fraternity where there is no personal acquaintance, or close personal contact. There is no Masonry where there is no fraternity. I would rather belong to a small lodge, doing a limited amount of work each year, where all remembered and practiced the five points of fellowship, than belong to a lodge of from five hundred to a thousand members, every one of whom were students of Masonic philosophy, but too engrossed in the study of it to remember the meeting night of their lodge or the names of its officers."

In connection with the making of too many Masons, I do not know that, in our circumscribed position, this applies altogether to us, but still I have always urged our being very circumspect as to the making of too many Masons. Yet I would never advocate depriving a good man of the opportunity of joining our ranks.

Moreover, I cannot say that this is particularly applicable to any of our lodges, but it is just as well to sound a warning note should any of the private lodges find their numbers becoming too large. At the same time I wish it to be clearly understood that I do not advocate the forming of other lodges in the cities, as it appears to me at the present time that those we have already working are quite adequate to meet our present requirements. Most of the city lodges are very prosperous, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm and interest that prevail in them, and the emulation which induces so many of the brethren to desire to take office.

The grand master need not worry himself about an undue growth in membership in his jurisdiction, as the net gain last year in Tasmania was but eight, and there is only one lodge in the country that has more than one hundred members. In reference to an event of interest to Americans, he said:

During the visit of the American fleet to Victoria, the grand lodge there arranged a reception for the Masons, of which there were a very large number on board the boats, and a special effort was made to do honour to the occasion. It was a somewhat inconvenient time for many of us, but we were glad that both the pro grand master and the deputy grand master were there to represent our grand lodge, and they returned full of praises not only of the hospitality extended to them but also of the real cordiality of the reception.

In conclusion, he said:

I would like to tell the brethren that I am contemplating a visit to the old country in April in rather an important position in connection with the Imperial Press conference, and am looking forward with very considerable pleasure to meeting once again in the old country so many distinguished Masons who made my former holiday so very enjoyable.

During my absence I know the grand lodge affairs will not suffer in such capable hands as those of the pro grand master and the deputy grand master. I will look forward with gratification, after a few months' absence, to my reunion with the Masons of Tasmania, and in

conclusion I trust that the same loyalty, good feeling, and good will that have marked our grand lodge affairs in Tasmania will continue, to the advantage of ourselves and the promotion of all those great principles which have done so much to establish our Masonic institutions as the greatest in the world.

There is no report on correspondence.

The grand master, C. E. Davies, was re-elected grand master; John Hamilton, of Hobart, was re-elected grand secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1909.

95th Annual. Nashville. January 27.

A fine half-tone of the bright and pleasant face of Edward Kelsey Bachman, the present grand master, lights up the fly-leaf of the Tennessee proceedings, and affords convincing proof that the brethren of that jurisdiction have an eye to youth and good looks when they choose a grand master. He looks even younger than the thirty-eight years with which the brief biographical sketch that is given, credits (or shall we say *charges*) him, but that he is not o'er young to be sound and practical, the record of his administration clearly shows.

The annual communication of the grand lodge was opened at Nashville, January 27, 1909, by M.W. Bro. Milton H. Price, grand master. There were present twenty past grand masters, one hundred and thirty-one past masters, and the representatives of four hundred and twenty-five lodges, ten lodges not being represented. By the way, let us express the wish that other grand secretaries would record the number of lodges represented at grand lodge meetings, it seems to us an item of importance in showing what degree of interest is taken in grand lodge matters. The following extracts from the address of the grand master show, not only that the grand lodge had been visited by the grim messenger, but that the grand master, personally, had also been deeply touched with sorrow:

On assembling again, in this, the ninety-fifth session of grand lodge, I congratulate you upon the peace and prosperity prevailing among the lodges subordinate to this jurisdiction.

With few exceptions, no cause has arisen to disturb the good feeling and brotherly kindness that should ever characterize the members of the same family; and those exceptions, your grand master has tried to harmonize.

In this coming together again, my brethren, our minds are irresistibly thrown back to dwell upon events that are past and gone.

Your grand master now before you would, if it were possible, obliterate from his mind the events which have occurred, some of which have made desolate his once happy home, and made it the abode of sadness and sorrow.

This domestic affliction which has fallen so heavily upon me has prevented me, in a great measure, from giving that attention to the affairs of the craft which its increasing demands required at the hands of your presiding officer. But, my brethren, I have been, and am still, so laboring under this afflicting dispensation of Divine Providence that I find it impossible to even attempt an outline of what might be expected upon this important occasion.

May I not be permitted to indulge the hope that none of you have had cause to share my lot and that He who governs the storm has protected you and yours from the melancholy bereavement that has fallen upon me.

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On the morning of August 9 Past Grand Master John T. Irion passed to the other world and was buried that same afternoon. I was not advised of his death, but by accident saw the announcement published in the daily press of Memphis. If I had been advised I would have been present and buried him with Masonic honors befitting his position as past grand master.

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Brother Irion was born near Franklin, Williamson county, Tenn., May 9, 1837. Two years thereafter his parents moved to Henry county, Tenn., where he spent most of his long and useful life.

His literary education was obtained in the schools of his country town, Paris, and at Bethel College. Soon after leaving the latter institution he became imbued with the idea of becoming a physician, and in pursuance of that idea he entered and, in due course of time, graduated from the medical department of the University of Nashville; he afterwards received the honorary degree of doctor of medicine from the Medical College of Louisville, Ky., and immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in which he continued until failing health compelled him to retire.

At the outbreak of the war between the states he espoused the cause of the South and took up arms against her enemies. Enlisting, early in that memorable struggle, in the Fifth Tennessee Infantry, he was elected its first lieutenant on May 20, 1861, and in May, 1862, was promoted to the captaincy. Following the stars and bars alike through success and defeat, he never sheathed his sword until he fell in the forefront of battle at Perryville, pierced by a minie ball. Though dangerously wounded, he partially recovered, but being incapacitated for further active service, he was transferred to the medical department of the army, serving as surgeon until the autumn of 1863, when he was discharged because of disability incident to his wound.

He was not only a physician, but a minister of the gospel as well; the Southern Methodist Church granting him, in 1869, license to preach the word. He was a devout member of the church, and would gladly have expounded its doctrine from the sacred desk, but his old war wound prevented his actively engaging in the work of either preacher or prac-

titioner. He therefore gave his talents and energies to other callings, chief of which was the editing of one of the leading newspapers of Tennessee, in which occupation he continued for many years, a satisfactory measure of success crowning his labor.

The grand master reported the placing of six corner-stones. Four lodges that received charters at the preceding session of the grand lodge were constituted, and seven dispensations were granted for the formation of new lodges. A long list of special dispensations granted is given and a list not much shorter of dispensations refused. Among the latter we are glad to make record of the following:

To move lodge temporarily on June 26, to the top of an Indian mound, erect a tent and confer the M.M. degree upon three candidates, also during this time to have a basket dinner and barbacue, as expressed by them to "have a good rousing time."

The conferring of the degree is too solemn to be conferred in a tent like a circus, and to have a "good rousing time." The dispensation was refused.

Details are given of numerous visitations, showing that the social features of Masonry were not neglected but were made to contribute to its practical teachings.

The grand master must have kept a full record of the business of his office, for he gives a report in detail of forty official rulings covering eight pages of the journal. Many of these relate to the questions common to most lodges or turn upon some local regulation, and generally they were decided along the lines prevailing in similar cases in Illinois. We quote one case that sufficiently differs from the ordinary to be interesting and that we think was decided sensibly:

A brother signed a petition with fourteen others for dispensation to form a new lodge, and said dispensation was granted by the grand lodge at its last session. Since signing the petition the brother has been tried and convicted by his lodge for an offense committed and was suspended by his own lodge for one month. Does the brother become a member of the new lodge and can he take part in organizing, after his month of suspension has expired?

The brother was in good standing when signing the petition for new lodge and so certified, and will be in good standing at the expiration of one month's suspension; he would naturally become a member of the new lodge, unless further charges are preferred, sustained and a greater sentence imposed, but he cannot be tried again for the same offense; but if he persists in repeating the offense he can be tried and penalties adjudged. You have allowed the troublesome brother to get in the lodge, you can only get rid of him by charges, trial and expulsion.

A committee appointed to devise means for securing a permanent home for the grand lodge, made the following report:

Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting to devise and report to this grand lodge the best plan to be adopted for securing a

permanent home for the Masonic grand bodies, begs leave to submit the following report:

Several meetings were held in the city of Nashville in conjunction with a committee appointed by the grand chapter for the same purpose, and after inviting the counsel of the most worshipful grand master, the grand secretary, and several of the past grand masters, your committee is unanimously of the opinon that the grand bodies of Tennessee should own and occupy a home independent of any other fraternity or organization.

With this end in view, your committee has examined a number of locations and secured an option on a certain piece of property situated at No. 306 Seventh Avenue North, and now owned and occupied by Mrs. John Hill Eakin. After many earnest appeals, in which was set forth the benevolent use to which the building was to be devoted, this noble woman, the daughter of a good Mason, was persuaded to offer this property at what we regard the extremely low price of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), taxes paid to January 1, 1909. Purchase money may be paid in cash in hand or $10,000 cash, and balance on such time, not exceeding ten years, as may be desired by purchaser; deferred payments to bear six per cent interest, and with lien retained.

This was the home of the late Hon. John M. Lea, and is centrally located, being near the capitol and convenient to all the hotels of the city, and only a few hundred feet distant from the new Hermitage Hotel, now in course of erection.

In order to secure this property, the grand lodge should take action at this meeting on the option obtained.

Your committee unanimously recommends to this grand body the purchase of this piece of property at this session of the grand lodge, at the above named price, to-wit: Twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000). This January 28, 1909.

This report was adopted and action was taken to secure the property referred to.

Past Grand Master A. V. Ware submitted the following:

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed and clothed with authority to purchase a home for this grand lodge, be and are hereby instructed to erect on said property a suitable auditorium for the meetings of the grand lodge, and if possible have same ready for occupancy by the next meeting of this grand lodge.

The resolution was referred to the committee on ways and means—who reported thereon as follows, and their report was adopted:

We have had before us the report of the special committee submitted to the grand lodge on Thursday recommending the acquiring of a home for the grand lodge, the resolution continuing the committee with power to act, and the resolution directing the erection of an auditorium on the rear of the lot proposed to be purchased for a meeting place for this grand lodge. Upon consultation with the grand treasurer, we are of opinion that the funds of this grand lodge are in such shape that the report of the special committee and the two resolutions mentioned can be carried into effect without impoverishing this grand lodge. We there-

fore recommend the appropriation of the amounts necessary to purchase the property and carry into effect the two resolutions, and would also recommend that the grand treasurer at once pay the sum of $1,000 to the owner of said property as earnest money to bind the contract.

The report of the committee on correspondence (90 pp.) is by M.W. Bro. Henry A. Chambers, who, in his introduction, says on the subject of cipher rituals:

We have found little, in the proceedings reviewed, on the "cipher." Some of the writers of the reports on foreign correspondence who had received our published proceedings for 1908, mentioned, and a few commented on, the Tennessee address on the "cipher." Some favored it. Some opposed it, or regarded it with doubt or indifference. Some published it without comment. Such comments as were made were only the personal views of the writers.

But no grand lodge, as such or in its official capacity, except California, took any notice of it whatever. But it should be kept in mind that some of the grand lodges whose proceedings are reviewed herein, held their communications before the Tennessee Grand Lodge adopted its address, and others held their communications so soon thereafter that they could not have had official notice of that action. However, at least thirteen in the United States, whose proceedings are herein reviewed, held their communications after July 1, 1908, when they may be presumed to have had knowledge, and perhaps official notice of the Tennessee address. They are Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia, and Wyoming. So far as we can see, except California, they took no notice or action whatever on the Tennessee address. It is to be hoped that the meetings in 1909 will do better.

It is not probable that there will be anything different to report this year so far as action by the Grand Lodge of Illinois is concerned, but if the brother will turn to the Arizona pages of this report he will see that the reviewer has not ignored the subject. In the page which Brother Chambers gives to Illinois he makes a summary of charities and lodge statistics, refers to Brother Robbins' report on correspondence as comprehensive, and says:

In this large volume we find nothing to criticise—much to commend —but space forbids.

E. K. Bachman, Bristol, grand master; John B. Garrett, Nashville, grand secretary.

TEXAS, 1908.

73RD ANNUAL. WACO. DECEMBER 1.

The volume opens with three excellent half-tones, giving us the features of J. J. DAVIS, grand master 1908; J. H. MCLEARY, grand master 1880, and W. S. FLY, grand master 1888, all strong faces, the first clean-shaven, the second with full beard and moustache, painted white by father time, and the third with moustache only.

The grand lodge met at Waco, with a full line of grand officers present, including M.W. Bro. L. LEE MOORE, grand master, and R.W. Bro. JOHN WATSON, grand secretary. There were also in attendance fifteen past grand masters and the representatives of thirty-eight other grand jurisdictions, Illinois not being of the number.

After the grand lodge had been opened in ample form a resolution was adopted inviting all Master Masons in regular standing, to seats as visitors. We make the following quotations from the opening of Grand Master MOORE'S address:

It is under most favorable conditions that we meet today in the seventy-third grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and it is a source of great satisfaction to me to be able to report that the year just closing has been one of uninterrupted prosperity and substantial progress for our Masonic institution.

With an affiliated membership of more than forty thousand, and with seven hundred and sixty-four chartered lodges, it is cause for congratulation that there has been no serious trouble among the lodges or dissention among the members—all seeming to heed the admonition of "who can best work and best agree." A kind providence has blessed our great state with bountiful harvests and the people with their usual good health, for which all true Masons are profoundly grateful. Universal peace has reigned during the year, so that the armies of the nations have been unemployed, and their navies have been useful only as messengers of peace and good will, rather than as engines of carnage and destruction.

In this connection it is pleasing to reflect that our country stands in the forefront of all the nations in the arts of peace, in all that tends to develop a higher type of manhood and a closer fellowship of the people. It is, perhaps, not too much to say that Freemasonry, by its benign teachings and its humanizing influence upon the character and conduct of men, wearing away the asperities of human nature and harmonizing men of opposite interests and views, has been a potent factor in bringing about a kindlier feeling, not only among those who come in personal contact with each other, but also of those who control the destinies of nations; and may we not hope that the time will come when the principles of justice and fair dealing, as taught and symbolized by Freemasonry, will so far have softened and subdued the selfishness of men that even the conflicting interests of nations will be adjusted by arbi-

tration and agreement; when the vast armies of the world will be disbanded and the immense navies will be used as ocean liners to carry and distribute the commerce of nations; when they shall "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks," and war, with its long train of miseries, will be no more.

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Proficiency in the work is not only necessary, but indispensable to maintain an active interest in and attendance upon the meetings of the subordinate lodges as well as for the development of the individual Mason. And yet Masonry, in its broader meaning and purpose and in its moral aspect, is infinitely superior to any system of signs and grips or secret work. The man who fails to appropriate its sublime lessons of morality and virtue, of benevolence and brotherhood, and make them a part of his mental and moral self, falls far short of coming up to the full requirements of Freemasonry. The man who hopes to become a *full grown* Mason must carry his Masonry in his heart, rather than in his head; and that man whose life and conduct is not shaped and influenced by the lessons learned at the holy altar and illustrated and exemplified by the work and lectures, is a Mason in name only. It matters not how many degrees he may have taken, nor how proficient he may be in the ritual, if these lessons have not quickened his sympathies, softened his heart toward his fellow man and given him broader conceptions of his duty to those with whom he comes in social and business contact. he is as yet only an ashlar rough from the quarry—not polished, squared and fitted to be used in our moral and Masonic edifice.

The grand master refers feelingly to the passing of Grand Masters Norton Moses and William Bramlett, and several other distinguished brethren of their own jurisdiction, as well as a long list of prominent members of the craft in other jurisdictions, and closes his obituary notice with the following quotation:

"Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond the reign of death,
There surely is some blessed clime,
Where life is not a breath:
Nor life's affections transient fire
Whose sparks fly upward and expire."

The grand master reported that twenty-two new lodges chartered at the last annual communication of the grand lodge had been "constituted and set to work" by the district deputy grand masters of the respective districts, and that he had issued nine dispensations for the formation of new lodges. On the general subject of dispensations he remarked:

I have refused dispensations for nine new lodges, some on account of the laws of the grand lodge not being complied with, others where I did not think that a lodge would prosper. I granted dispensations to nineteen lodges to install their officers in public on other days than the 24th of June. Upon proper application, I granted twenty-eight dispensations to lay corner-stones. All buildings for which these dispensations were issued were to be constructed of either brick, stone or artificial stone, and were of undoubted Masonic, sacred or public character. One dispensation was issued to dedicate a Masonic hall.

Under the head of "Conferring Degrees Out of Time," we find the following interesting matter, to which we add only the remark that we could wish that equally good reasons could always be given for cutting short the time between degrees which some local regulations require:

Numerous applications have been made during the year for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, all of which I declined to issue except in one instance, as follows:

Mr. A. Culbertson, a resident of Hillsboro, Texas, but who for four years had been in the United States navy, ranking as chief electrician, returned from the Asiatic squadron, reaching home on the 28th of January, 1908, and immediately put in his petition to Hillsboro Lodge No. 196, for the Entered Apprentice degree, counting on the four months time that is allowed officers and men before re-enlisting to be sufficient time to receive the three degrees.

After taking the Entered Apprentice degree, he was ordered by the navy department to report for duty not later than the 25th of April, 1908. He asked the department for full time, but received positive orders to report at the above stated time or lose his rank in the class, and that the section to which he would be assigned would assemble at Newport, R. I., not later than May 1, and there receive their final orders and be sent to some foreign station, perhaps never to return.

Brother Culbertson was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on April 18. On the request and unanimous recommendation of Hillsboro Lodge, by resolution passed at their stated communication of April 18, together with the recommendation of Bro. R. F. Shumake, district deputy grand master sixty-second district, I granted a dispensation to examine, ballot for and confer the third degree on Brother Culbertson on April 21, 1908.

The grand master reported the following, among other decisions:

I have held that the worshipful master of a lodge may lawfully call upon any Master Mason to act for him in opening or closing the lodge, in conferring the degrees in Masonry, or in performing the burial service, even though the brother so called upon is not a past master, the worshipful master being present and in charge of the lodge. The minutes, however, should show the worshipful master present and presiding.

We are glad to see that the committee on jurisprudence concurred in the above, but we fail to find what action, if any, the grand lodge took on their report, the record anent it ending with the statement that it was read. The following from the grand master's address has the ring of the right doctrine, and we so far suspect its applicability outside the boundaries of Texas that we quote it, at the expense of some space:

Profane Swearing and Kindred Vices.

I feel as though I ought not to close this report without calling attention to the laxity of some lodges in the enforcement of discipline against members who are habitually guilty of the minor offenses of intemperance, gambling and profane swearing, especially the latter. By this statement I do not mean to charge that gambling and excessive drinking are common, for indeed they are of rare occurrence, and it is

regrettable that the same cannot be said of the offense of profane swearing. Those grand and noble men who, after they had won the independence of Texas, established Freemasonry in this state, were so convinced of the degrading effect and influence of these vices that they wrote it in the constitution of this grand lodge, that "The intemperate use of intoxicating drinks, gambling and profane swearing are contrary to the principles of Masonry, and it is the duty of each lodge to punish any brother guilty thereof." Yet it is not unusual to hear a man, wearing the emblems of Masonry, utter the vilest oaths, even in the presence of young men. It is true that no lodge in this jurisdiction would long tolerate a member who was known to be an habitual drunkard or a gambler, but it is greatly to be regretted that many lodges are too tolerant of the more prevalent vice of profanity. It is also true that the teachings and precepts of Masonry have done much to purify society of the baneful effects of drunkenness and gambling, yet there is much to be done to rid the lodges of those outwardly respectable men who habitually emit vile oaths. A Mason owes it to himself and to the fraternity to be clean in his language, as he should be upright in his conduct and dealings with his fellow men, if he would keep his white apron free from untempered mortar. For the slave to the habit of drink we can have some compassion, and for one who, from want and poverty, is tempted to steal to satisfy his hunger there is some excuse; but for the man, claiming to be respectable, who is habitually guilty of using profane language, there is neither palliation nor excuse. Nothing can be more unbecoming a Mason. It is a useless habit. It is coarse and vulgar, suited only to the gambling house and the brothel. It is offensive to any person of refined sensibilities. What man could tolerate or excuse profanity in his wife or his mother? And yet, his wife or his mother has as much right to swear as he has; and, besides, she can swear without violating any obligation of Masonry, while he cannot. What lodge would tolerate a member who would habitually use profane language in the lodge room? And yet the offense would be no greater for him to violate his obligation in the lodge room than in any other respectable society, on the streets or in public places. Indeed, he has the same right to emphasize his statements with profanity while the lodge is at labor as he has to interlard his conversation with vulgar oaths after the lodge has been closed. That man who habitually violates his obligation and the written law of Masonry by the use of profane language is out of place in a Masonic lodge, and if he will not separate himself from his vices the lodge ought, after fraternal warning, to separate him from Masonry by expelling him. Such a man brings the fraternity into bad repute with the better class of citizenship. Let us cut loose from the profane swearer if he will not leave off his vicious habits. Let us purify our lodges of all who thus daily and habitually violate their obligation.

The following was offered by Past Grand Master N. M. Washer and adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

This grand body heard with sincere regret the reading of the letter from Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., P.G.M., declaring his inability, because of physical ailments, to be present at this communication of the grand lodge, and as an expression of our love and admiration for this distinguished Masonic veteran and brother, it is ordered that the grand secretary be and he is hereby instructed to send a telegram to Brother Matthews, reciprocating the fraternal sentiments expressed in his letter

and adding the hope that by divine grace and mercy he may grow stronger and be spared for many years of useful and happy existence.

The following report from the committee on jurisprudence was adopted, thus defeating what was probably considered an attack upon the permanency of the work:

A resolution to amend the constitution so as to render members of the committee of work who shall hereafter serve for five years, ineligible to succeed themselves, has been submitted to this committee, and after full consideration, we conclude that the correct and systematic dissemination of the work would not be subserved thereby, and we, therefore, recommended that it do not pass.

The report on correspondence is again by that amiable, distinguished and venerable Mason, M.W. Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, Sr. We do not know how we can better give our readers an idea of the fraternal spirit, broad tone and Masonic teaching of this report, than by quoting, first, a single paragraph from its opening, second a page from its close, and third what he says regarding the work of Brother Robbins:

Owing to very serious and protracted sickness, and the consequent physical debility of the author, the report is not so complete or satisfactory as those which have heretofore preceded it, and he therefore asks his brethren to throw over its faults the mantle of charity, and take it for what it is worth.

Having finished our year's work, we bring you in the preceding pages a report thereof for inspection. We have endeavored to tell you as briefly, but as clearly, as possible (and if you will read what we have written you will learn) what is being done by the fraternity in most parts of the Masonic world. To do this it has been necessary to go with some degree of care through thousands of pages, and cull therefrom what we thought the most prominent and interesting features, interspersing here and there such comments as we deemed necessary and pertinent. While our labor has been heavy, it has been willingly and cheerfully performed, for we cherished a hope that it would inure to the benefit of you for whom we wrought.

In 1854, now fifty-five years ago, in Sam Houston Lodge No. 32, long since demised, we first received Masonic light. Fifty-one years ago we, the first time, entered our grand lodge, representing Fort Worth Lodge No. 148, as its worshipful master, and except in the years 1863-1865, while serving as a confederate soldier, we have missed but two or three of its meetings. Of those whom we met then nearly all are gone, and of them there is not one here today. And yet, looking backward over all those years, it seems to us but as yesterday, so swiftly have they come and gone. New faces, which have taken the places of those we used to know in the days "lang syne," now greet us on every hand. Twenty-five years ago we began writing these reports. Of the more than sixty brethren who then sat with us at the reviewer's table, those who remain we can count upon the fingers of one hand. They, too, are gone—all gone—to take their places in the grand lodge where the night never succeeds the day, and where soon, very soon, in the course of nature, the sound of "the Master's" gavel will call us to join them.

So much of the past. It is gone. The future lies before us, and we cannot claim it. The present only is ours. To you, therefore, our younger brethren, who have but just passed between the pillars that are set up at the entrance porch of your Masonic life, in concluding we would say a word of warning and advice. You may, possibly do, think that to know perfectly the esoteric work, to be able, like a parrot, to repeat the ritual without a break, is all there is of Masonry for you to learn or know. If this be so, let us tell you, you are badly mistaken, and the sooner you are undeceived the better it will be. To be a good ritualist, that you may always be at ease in the lodge room, and competent to fill any place that occasion may require, is right and well. But do not forget that, beautiful as our work is, and that the ability to present it impressively and effectively is a great accomplishment, it will all be lost if we overlook the true spirit of the teachings and symbols of our profession. If Freemasonry had been designed for pastime and pleasure alone, its life would indeed have been brief—it would long since have passed away, and been buried in the wreck and ruins of the temples which it has seen decay and fall, been lost and forgot. But because truth prevails, and the Masonic foundations were firmly laid upon indestructible and everlasting principles, its usefulness has grown with the ages, and the traveling orb of day finds no earth where Masonry has not erected her altars to the honor and glory of God.

It is not our purpose now, however, to place in panorama before you the virtue, the beauties, and the heaven-inspired teachings, of our fraternity; but simply to remind you of the privileges you enjoy, and if we can to impress you with the possibilities which lie before you, of incorporating into your lives and daily walk the truth itself, and "The truth shall make you free." We beg you, therefore, to keep ever in your mind's eye, my brethren, that—

> "The world wants men, large-hearted, manly men,
> Men who will join its chorus and prolong
> Its psalm of labor, and its song of love.
> The age needs heroes—heroes who shall dare
> To struggle in the serried ranks of truth—
> To clutch the monster error by the throat,
> To bear opinion to a loftier seat,
> To blot the era of oppression out,
> And lead an universal freedom in."

We come now to consider the able, thorough and exhaustive report of that Prince of Masonic reviewers, Past Grand Master Bro. Joseph Robbins, the committee on Masonic correspondence. As more than once we have said in our former papers, it is a matter for regret to us that, owing to the proximity in the times of holding the annual communications of this grand lodge and that of Texas, we never have time to read and review our brother's reports as we wish. To do so would so delay the printing of our report that it would fail to be ready for distribution on the assembling of the grand lodge. The fact is that we never have time even to read it with anything like satisfaction, and we always lay it aside for reading later. But for the fact that Brother Cutter is a "hustler" and gets his volume ready for distribution in a much shorter time than do most grand secretaries, it would always be a full year before we could take it up. Brother Robbins always makes a fuller and therefore more thorough report than does any other member of the

corps, unless perhaps it be Brother Cunningham, of Ohio, who is generally "neck and neck" in the race with, or not very far behind, him. Our brother's report this year fills 350 closely printed pages, comprising a review of sixty-seven volumes, among which appears the Texas proceedings for 1907.

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We are greatly pleased to know that Brother Robbins agrees with us in regard to the use of ciphers and keys, denouncing it as the "devil's work."

Many, many thanks, dear brother, for your kind words of us personally. We certainly appreciate them, the more so because we know they are sincere and come from an honest and a true heart.

We are sorry that we cannot make a convert of him upon the question of the fraternal recognition by his grand lodge of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. We can but hope, however, that the special committee authorized by his grand lodge to consider the subject and report thereupon next year, may meet with better success than we have had and that if it cannot induce him to fully change his opinion, it may at least be able to persuade him to acquiesce in the recognition.

Brother Robbins both honors and compliments us by copying entire the concluding words of our report, wherein we tried to draw the line between Masonry and religion, and in endorsing our views. We well remember the "tilt" that he and we had "when first we were acquaint," in which at first there seemed upon the surface to be just a "smidgeon" of bitterness, but which was only seeming, and which in the end served to draw us nearer together, and served to make us know and understand each other better. We always felt, however, and we know now, that there really was no material difference between us in our views; that we were not far apart; that we had only different viewpoints, and that in our opinons there was only a distinction, without a difference. So it proved in the end, and confirms the adage that "all's well that ends well."

Now a few words more and we will say good-bye to our brother, from whom we could not sooner break away, and with whom, therefore, we have lingered a good deal longer than when we began we expected to do. Yes, Brother Robbins, the old machinery of which we made mention last year is very perceptibly wearing out, and the wear becomes more and more apparent as the months, the weeks, and even the days, go by. We have had some rough sailing in the past year, and more than once we have gone very close to death's door, though fortunately, through the mercy and goodness of God, our frail barque has sailed by. The end of the present year finds us, physically, much more feeble than we were at the close of the last, though otherwise we are in fairly good health. The great trouble with us is, that we do not, and cannot, it seems, gain in strength or build up. The end may, or it may not be, far away for us; God only knows. But be it as it may, we try to be always ready when the Master shall call, and if we are not permitted to again meet our confreres of the guild here, then we hope to meet them on the other shore in the "sweet bye-and-bye." *"And so mote it be."*

Brother MATTHEWS makes a business-like review and summary of the proceedings of our grand lodge at its session of 1908, and says of Grand Master BELL'S decisions:

The grand master states that he had refused in every instance to grant permission to lodges to attend church services in a body, clothed in regalia, and the reasons given by him for such refusal appear to us to be both cogent and unanswerable. If there were no other reason, the fact, as he says, that there might arise trouble as to what church to attend would alone be sufficient. He reported only three rulings, all of which the grand lodge approved. They all seem to us to accord with good sense as well as with Masonic law. The first one we would especially commend, that a lodge should not appropriate its funds for any purpose not Masonic, either for promoting railroads, establishing factories, assisting in building or repairing churches or public buildings, or otherwise for the promotion of any sectarian or non-Masonic concern.

J. J. DAVIS, Galveston, grand master; JOHN WATSON, Waco, grand secretary.

UTAH, 1909.

38TH ANNUAL. SALT LAKE CITY. JANUARY 19.

A half-tone portrait of the incoming grand master, FRED CLEMENT SCHRAMM, adorns the volume as its frontispiece. A biographical sketch of him follows his picture. It is a brief pen picture of the man. We quote a single paragraph:

"The Masonic life of Brother Schramm bears testimony of the same energetic progressiveness of his nature that is so fully exemplified in his private business life. Ever since he stood for the first time before the altar of Weber Lodge No. 6, at Ogden, he has worked faithfully and zealously in the quarry of the craft, and as grand lecturer has left a mark behind him that time can never deface. His exceptional talents of committing the work to memory and his natural ability to teach it in the easiest manner to others have carried his name and fame as the most accomplished grand lecturer, all over this intermountain region, and deservedly so."

The whole sketch of three pages is a true statement.

There were present at the opening of the grand lodge all of the grand officers, fourteen past grand masters, forty-seven grand representatives, two past senior grand wardens, one past junior grand warden; thirty-three past masters and the representatives of thirteen (all) of the chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

The address of Grand Master BROWN is an able Masonic paper. Full of truth and good advice. His caution as to receiving new material is good. We quote the following:

"That persons are being allowed to take the three degrees whose only apparent purpose in doing so is to enable them to take the so-called higher degrees, and who never appear in a blue lodge meeting, after being raised.

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"These observations are not made for the purpose of being critical, but that we should have the courage to look fairly and squarely in the eye anything that has in it aught of menace. Therefore, let us urge caution in the acceptance of new material, but gladly welcome every man who has the cause near to his heart, and possesses in addition ability to advance that cause."

He officially visited twelve of the lodges in the jurisdiction, being accompanied with other grand lodge officers on the various occasions. The trip to Tintic was, taking it all in all, a hard one; but such is life in the far west with an auto in bad weather. They did not arrive until low twelve. Albert Pike Lodge No. 14 was constituted by him, assisted by others of the grand lodge officers; by his order, Orient Lodge U.D., at Green River, was instituted. The grand master rendered four decisions. The fourth is as follows:

A commission is presumed to be an impartial body, having an unbiased opinion, in order to deal fairly with the accused and to do justice to the lodge, they should be in a position to act with an unprejudiced mind, to receive and consider all proper testimony, and to render a verdict based solely on the evidence; it is manifest that if a commissioner was to give important testimony either for or against the accused, he would naturally be bound by that evidence and perhaps by reason of his position might have an undue influence; in my judgment, if not absolutely disqualified it is highly improper for any brother to accept a place on a trial commission, before which he expects or has reason to believe he will be called as a witness.

It is good Masonic law (though not applicable in Illinois, as we do not conduct lodge trials by commission), and was approved by the jurisprudence committee. Everything connected with our idea of law, trials and justice demands that judges and juries shall be and remain free to decide without passion or prejudice as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, in any capacity of life, when brought to trial. This is the quintessence of human jurisprudence.

The report of Grand Secretary Diehl is, as usual, a superlative document. Concise, but full of meat. Terse, yet containing everything required to make a perfect report. But practice makes perfect. For thirty-seven years he has graced the position. During all that time he has been the same painstaking, affable Chris. A more congenial soul it would be hard to find. May he live long to continue to bless his fellows and the Masonic institution. He reports that the membership of the jurisdiction is now 1,522, an increase of seventy-nine during the year. The finances of the grand lodge and all of the constituent lodges are in splendid condition.

We are pleased to note that five of the charter members of Orient Lodge, located at Green River, as taken from the report of the committee on lodges, hail from Illinois. Some of the great Masons of that grand jurisdiction in the past were from this jurisdiction. We predict a good future for Orient Lodge and a successful career. There were some irregularities in the records, owing to inexperience, but the grand lodge overlooked them and the charter issues to Orient Lodge No. 15. We greet the youngest child of the jurisdiction with much satisfaction.

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, was, for reasons mentioned in the special report of the committee on correspondence, denied. A like action was taken as to the Grand Lodge of Greece. The Grand Lodge of Chili met with a like fate. Action on the application of the Grand Lodge of El Salvator, in Central America, was postponed.

The board of custodians recommended a revision of the funeral ritual, which was adopted.

The obituary committee reports eighteen brethren who have passed beyond the vail. Past Master John Thomas Lynch, a noble character, passed away at the ripe age of eighty years. Past Master William Wallace Woodring lay down the working tools of life at the age of sixty-nine. Brother Woodring was a loving friend, a devoted Mason, and an upright man. It is sad to lose such brothers; but we are consoled by the fact that our loss is Heaven's gain.

In the silent shades of death
They rest in sweet repose;
Like the lily's fragrant breath
On holy wings they rose!

We note with pleasure the remarks of the retiring grand master on the presentation of the signet ring; which keeps the memory of Past Grand Master Albion Bernard Emery ever before that jurisdiction; also the glowing words of the incoming grand master on receiving it. The event is a reminder of a happy event of fifteen years' standing, which grows brighter as time goes by. All who witnessed the original presentation by Brother Emery remember the event with much delight; and every Mason in the jurisdiction loves the memory of the benevolent donor.

Since the bright happy day
He gave the gold ring;
He has gone on his way
To where angels sing.

He has flown to the land
Of joy and delight;
Where the Almighty hand
Makes everything bright.

The report of the correspondence committee is a lucid expression of fraternalism of eighty-eight pages. Brother DIEHL has this matter at his finger tips, as he has all other things pertaining to the craft. The proceedings of Illinois for 1908 receive his kind attention in a two-page review. From Grand Master BELL's address he quotes:

"Freemasonry in this grand jurisdiction is certainly in a most flourishing condition. Never in our history have there been such accessions to our numbers as during the past year, and I believe that it can truthfully be said that considering the numerical strength of our organization and the great number of lodges in the state, there has been an unusual measure of harmony and of true fraternal spirit among the brethren."

"Most of the questions submitted have been very easily answered by merely referring the inquirer to the blue book, and I have been much surprised at the lack of knowledge of Masonic law shown by some of the lodge officers of this state.

"I have been asked whether a Masonic lodge might vote money out of its treasury to repair or build a church. Other questions of like character have been submitted and I have steadfastly answered all such questions in the negative. I have held that it is not proper for Masonic lodges to appropriate their funds for any purpose not Masonic, either for promoting railroads, establishing factories, assisting in the building or repairing of churches or public buildings, or otherwise for the promotion of any sectarian or non-Masonic concern."

Under the heading, "Arkansas, 1907," he quotes Brother HEMPSTEAD's poem, "Sextenial," in full. Under the heading, "Kansas, 1908," he corrects Past Grand Master GASH, wherein Brother GASH stated that Past Grand Master JOHNSON rode to Kansas (on a bronco), to secure the charter for Argenta Lodge, etc.; Brother GASH should have said Mt. Moriah Lodge instead of Argenta, and he is glad to stand corrected. The point intended in the speech of Brother GASH was to emphasize the devotion of Brother JOHNSON to the cause of Masonry.

Bro. FRED CLEMENT SCHRAMM, grand master, corner Main and West First South streets; Bro. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, grand secretary, Masonic Temple; both of Salt Lake City, Utah.

VERMONT, 1909.

116TH ANNUAL. BURLINGTON. JUNE 9.

The illustration at the beginning of this volume is a half-tone of R.W. Bro. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, grand secretary 1890-1902, who died October 13, 1908, and there is a record of an emergent communication of the grand lodge at Burlington, October 15, 1908, to attend his funeral. There is also a record of another emergent communication, held at Burlington,

February 15, 1909, to attend the funeral of W. Bro. Chilo L. Soule, past senior grand deacon. At the annual communication of the grand lodge held at Burlington, June 9, 1909, there were in attendance M.W. Bro. Lee S. Tillotson, grand master, with the usual roster of grand lodge officers, twenty-two permanent members, including seven past grand masters, seven district deputy grand masters, and the representatives of ninety-one lodges, also the representatives of thirty other grand jurisdictions, M.W. Bro. Delos M. Bacon for Illinois, being one of the number.

There are 104 lodges, with a total membership of 12,652, a gain of 258 during the year.

After opening the grand lodge in ample form the grand master delivered his annual address, from the opening of which we make the following extract:

Once more the Grand Lodge of Vermont assembles in annual communication. Each year the personnel of this body changes quite materially, but its deliberations are governed by the same general rules of procedure, the same principles of Masonic law that have governed us and our predecessors for the past one hundred and fifteen years.

We look forward, naturally, to our own undertakings, our own possibilities, laying plans for many future years of activity in this world; but in the ceremony of our opening, as our eyes have been directed to the center of the lodge, we observe that our altar continues to wear the melancholy dress placed there in loving but solemn remembrance of those who have ceased their activities in this world; and in the hearts of all true Masons the sprig of acacia forever blooms, continually reminding them of the many lovable and estimable qualities of our departed brothers, thereby furnishing tangible proof of the immortality of the soul.

We thus know from our own experiences that the influences of our lives will remain with those who survive us. For this reason, if for no other, we ought to so regulate our actions here that the influences which we shall surely leave behind shall be for good.

The grand master discussed the unsatisfactory condition of the temple fund, and suggested that the grand lodge should pass the following:

Resolved, That beginning with the fiscal year 1909-10, and continuing for three years, this grand lodge lay an assessment on each lodge in this jurisdiction of $1 per member thereof; the same to be paid to the grand lodge on or before February 1 of each year, and applied upon the temple debt. This is a special assessment, and is in addition to those already existing.

This resolution was referred to the finance committee, who reported in favor of making the tax 50 cents per member per year for four years, but the grand lodge, after discussion, laid the recommendation on the table for one year.

There is in the address of the grand master an excellent illustration of the complications incident to the practical operations of the "waiver-

circumlocution-office," but which in this case ended very properly from our standpoint. The grand master said:

I received one request, however, which I was obliged to disapprove. My action has not been questioned so far as I know, and while it does not amount to a *decision* upon any point of Masonic law I deem it best to report it.

On January 26, 1909, Crescent Lodge No. 66, requested that the Grand Lodge of Quebec be asked to waive jurisdiction over Mr. John L. Fletcher, who resides in Sherbrooke. The reason given for the request was that Fletcher, when a boy, had the misfortune to lose his right arm, and on account of this physical defect the lodge in Quebec would not, under their law, receive his petition.

We have had for several years a standing resolution which quite materially modifies the old strict rule as to physical qualifications, and the doctrine that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications" which shall be considered is now quite generally recognized in this jurisdiction. However, I do not pretend to say where the line should be drawn, as I believe it is a matter which should generally be left to the sound discretion of the subordinate lodges, they being governed of course, by such existing law as we may have; but in the case under consideration I did not consider it necessary to make any ruling as to the physical qualifications of Mr. Fletcher, because it seemed to me that it would not be quite courteous to ask another grand lodge to waive jurisdiction over a man whom they themselves would not accept. The only consistent action they would possibly take upon such a request, as it seemed to me, would be to refuse it, and I accordingly thought best not to make it.

We modestly suggest a little interpolation in the above by adding after the words "such existing law as we may have," a proviso to the effect that the law itself must not conflict with the ancient landmarks and charges.

The grand master gives pleasant reports of various visitations he was permitted to make, and an especially interesting account of his participation in the celebration at Boston of the 175th anniversary of St. John's Lodge. To read his report of this notable occasion is to make one wish he might have had a share in it. He also gives an account of his visit to the grand masters' meeting in Philadelphia, which is so lucid in setting forth what was not designed or undertaken, as well as in presenting the purpose in view, that we quote him in full on this subject, though we are confident our own grand master will give another equally instructive report of the meeting, as he also was there. Grand Master TILLOTSON says:

At the suggestion of R.W. Bro. George B. Orlady, grand master of Pennsylvania, the grand masters of all the states east of the Mississippi river were invited to meet in Philadelphia, June 1, 2 and 3, 1909, for the purpose of discussing interjurisdictional questions, with the view that through the recommendations of grand masters to their several grand lodges, greater unanimity of action might be obtained in the construction

given to, and the interpretation placed upon some of the usages, customs, prerogatives and landmarks of the fraternity.

The meeting was in no sense an attempt to form a general or sovereign grand lodge; in fact it was deemed unwise by those present to effect any organization whatever, or to make any provision for a future meeting of a similar nature, it being believed that, should occasion seem to demand, such a meeting could be brought about by the same concerted action which made this one possible.

Acting upon my own best judgment and upon the advice of some of the present and past grand officers, I attended that meeting. Brother Orlady had received acceptances to his invitation from all those included excepting one. However, at the last moment, the grand masters of seven jurisdictions, who had signified their intentions to be present, were prevented from attending. There were present the grand masters of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and representatives of the grand masters of the District of Columbia, Florida, and Georgia, making, in all, nineteen jurisdictions represented.

While in Philadelphia we were the guests of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and it was said by the grand master of Virginia (who I believe was the oldest in years among those present) the English language does not contain sufficient adjectives to adequately describe the hospitality and courtesy with which we were entertained.

On the evening of June 1 we witnessed the exemplification of the work of the third degree according to the Pennsylvania ritual, by their "school of instruction." On the evening of June 2 we attended the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and were formally received.

The deliberations of the conference of grand masters occupied three sessions, held in the forenoon of each day, June 1, 2 and 3.

Many questions of interest and importance to the craft were discussed. Stenographic minutes of all the proceedings were made, which are to be printed and a copy sent to all jurisdictions in the U. S.

It would be manifestly impossible for me to intelligently make any recommendations to this grand lodge without having before me the full report of the conference, and as that report could not possibly be issued for my use before this communication, it seemed best to leave the whole matter until next year. I will say, however, that in nearly all questions discussed at the conference, Vermont is already in accord with a majority of the jurisdictions there represented.

In my judgment this conference was of untold benefit to the interests of the institution in general. It was distinguished from beginning to end by the utmost harmony, and will, I believe, go down in Masonic history as one of the most important gatherings of the craft ever held.

In his review of sister jurisdictions, M.W. Bro. Tillotson refers to the little unpleasantness that has arisen between the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and New Jersey anent the status of the colored man, or particularly the negro, in Masonry, and although we have elsewhere spoken

somewhat at length on this subject, his utterances are in such good spirit and moderation that we quote the following:

Masonry has nothing to do with race, class or social distinctions of any kind. It recognizes no creed either political or religious. It never has, and I pray God that it never will take sides in any controversy, either international, domestic, political, social, religious or otherwise. It deals with men individually not collectively. It recognizes the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; whether that God be the God of Israel, the God of the Christian, or the Great Spirit of the Indian, a Supreme Being, a Supreme Intelligence, a Supreme Architect, or by whatever name he may be called; and whether the man be black or white, red or yellow. If there is one attribute more than another peculiar to Masonry it is its universality.

It is unquestionably a deplorable fact that the great majority of negroes in this country, especially in the south, cannot be considered as worthy to be received into the Masonic fraternity, yet Grand Master Martin admits that there are *individuals* of the negro race who are morally and intellectually capable of discharging the obligations of Masonry.

In view of the present sociological conditions of the negro race, I do not pretend for a moment that it is wise for us to open our doors to them indiscriminately, any more than it would be wise to admit any race or class of men indiscriminately no matter how high or low they may be measured by human standards; neither do I pretend to pass judgment upon the merits of the individuals of the colored race which have been received into Alpha Lodge in New Jersey.

Let us hope that a calm, dispassionate consideration of this unfortunate controversy by our brethren in Mississippi and New Jersey will result in a speedy resumption of fraternal intercourse between them.

Brother TILLOTSON gives four pages of his address to a discussion of "Making Masons at Sight," and shows the position taken on this subject by various prominent members of the fraternity, from which it appears that it is pretty generally conceded that grand masters possess the right, but that they should be very conservative as to when and how they exercise it. Brother TILLOTSON concludes his remarks on this subject as follows:

The whole question turns upon the meaning of the expression "making a Mason at sight," and as Grand Master Tucker very well said, "the doubt about the construction of the rule ought to have a favorable operation in inducing a charitable consideration for those who may be supposed to have fallen into error in acting upon it," and especially so, when, as in the case which has provoked this discussion there seems to be no doubt but that in the jurisdiction where it arose the way and manner in which the right was exercised is recognized as legitimate, and the candidate upon whom the honor was conferred is beyond question "moral and upright before God and of good repute before the world" and in every way worthy to be associated with the fraternity and to share in its pleasures and privileges.

Nevertheless, under all the existing circumstances, I would not care to be the one to attempt to establish a precedent upon the question in this jurisdiction.

We are of the opinion that in considering this question, enough stress has not been laid upon the injustice or injury that is perpetrated upon the candidate. If Masonry is a development, if there is no excellence without effort or labor, if no cross means no crown, why should not *every* candidate be given the time and opportunity to grow, to earn the reward of work actually performed, and to *win* his crown?

Thirteen decisions were rendered and after slight modification of three of them all were approved. As they are along lines of general acceptance or turn upon purely local regulations, we refrain from comment except to say of one of them that there is a semi-official recognition of woman in Masonry, by the admission of ladies into lodge parlors and ante rooms, but excluding them from the lodge room proper unless they are Stars.

There is an able address by the grand lecturer, R.W. Bro. CHARLES H. DARLING, and twenty pages of the proceedings are devoted to the full and interesting reports of the thirteen district deputy grand masters. We clip the following from the report of the committee on necrology:

R.W. Loyal L. Munn, past grand secretary of Illinois, died November 23, 1908, a conscientious, intelligent and painstaking man in the discharge of every duty.

The report on correspondence (175 pp.) is by Past Grand Master MARSH O. PERKINS, who devotes six pages to Illinois. We make quotations from him as follows:

Grand Secretary Fay Hempstead, of Arkansas, fresh from his crowning as poet laureate of Masonry, was present as a visitor, and responded handsomely to the cordial greetings extended him.

The address of the grand master is an able summary of his official acts, reflecting zeal and eminent ability in the discharge of the many and varied duties devolved upon him as the chief executive of a grand jurisdiction exceeded in membership only by New York. None of the elective officers of the grand body had died during the year, but fitting tribute is paid to the memory of Bro. Gilbert W. Barnard, one of the most widely known Masons of the jurisdiction. He notes also the death of the widow of Past Grand Master Harrison Dills, whose declining years were made comfortable and happy by grand lodge.

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At the last session of grand lodge the by-laws were amended to provide that no dispensation be granted for a new lodge, if the proposed location was within five miles of any other lodge in the jurisdiction, unless such other lodge had forty or more members, or unless the new lodge was to be located in a town or city having five thousand inhabitants. For many years prior to this the limit had been ten miles, instead of five, and the membership of an adjacent lodge not less than sixty instead of forty members. The effect had been a marked increase in the number of applications for new lodges. Appreciating the importance of the questions, which were constantly presented to him for consideration,

he issued a circular letter calling attention to the law, and urging each lodge to so vote and act when consent was asked for opening a new body, that its action might be taken as a safe guide in the exercise of his discretion. The effect of the letter appears to have been salutary, but he is impressed with the conviction that the existing law is not in keeping with present conditions.

Illinois has a system of schools of instruction conducted by grand examiners, assisted by deputy lecturers. The grand master speaks highly of the work accomplished, and expressed the belief that they have done more to promote uniformity of work than all other agencies combined.

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He refused a dispensation to permit a lodge to attend church service on Easter Sunday.

Our observance and experience impresses us with the belief that the grand master might well have * * * granted the dispensation. It was the usage of the fathers to attend divine service, a usage freely recognized and practiced in many grand jurisdictions today. The grand master asked the reference of the subject to a committee for formal action, but we find no further reference to the same except in the general approval of his official acts expressed by the committee on address.

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The vexed question of the recognition of Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was referred to a special committee of five, of which Past Grand Master Robbins is chairman. We shall await its report with much interest, knowing full well Brother Robbins' steady and sturdy opposition to the Mexican body.

The annual oration was pronounced by R.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, a half-tone portrait of whom is found with its text. He had for his subject "International Brotherhood," and developed his theme in a masterly manner. Holding that the greatest blessing which the twentieth century has in store for the human race is universal peace, he asks, "What part in this world movement shall we, as Masons, take?"

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The report on correspondence is again submitted by Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, the Nestor of the guild, and is a magnificent review of sixty-three jurisdictions, both in extent and value. The most striking thing to him has been a sudden change of tone, if not of front, on the part of the board of general purposes of the Grand Lodge of England and the grand committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland toward some of the Australasian grand lodges.

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Brother Robbins is emphatically of the opinion, and we think he is right, that so long as a lodge is in possession of an unrevoked warrant, it is under the law of Masonry an integral part of the grand lodge and cannot be excluded from representation by reason of failure of performance of duty by any of its officers.

He gives a liberal extract from Brother Beach's oration, and quotes what Brother Robbins said under the various heads indicated by above quotations.

In answer to Brother Robbins' criticism of Vermont for not relegating to his lodge the trial of an offender, he says:

We will merely call to Brother Robbins' attention that the Grand Lodge of Vermont has original as well as appellate jurisdiction in such cases.

Lee S. Tillotson, St. Albans, grand master; Henry H. Ross, Burlington, grand secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1909.

131st Annual. Richmond. February 9.

A half-tone likeness of the pleasant face of B. R. Wellford, Jr., grand master 1877-1878, embellishes the front of the Virginia volume.

The grand lodge met at the temple in Richmond, February 9, 1909, and was presided over by M.W. Bro. Joseph W. Eggleston, grand master. There were present the representatives of one hundred and eighty-nine lodges, seven past grand masters, fourteen district deputy grand masters, and thirty-eight grand representatives, including Bro. W. L. Andrews, who answered for Illinois. After the grand lodge had been opened in ample form, the grand master delivered an interesting and comprehensive address from which we make the following extracts:

For more than thirty years it has been my joy and pride to be a Mason; to be allowed to meet with the choicest men of Virginia, selected each for his manly worth; to have my faults and weaknesses generously ignored, and whatever there was of good in me developed and cultivated.

Friction of mind with mind develops the best there is in man's intellect, and contact of manliness with manliness brings out the godlike in the sons of God. I wish I had the ability, and you the time, that I might tell, not what Masonry is, for no man can, but to give you even my feeble conception of what it has been to me, and what I have seen it do in moulding character and restraining the evil impulses of others.

For one hundred and thirty years your grand masters have each in succession reported to the craft in Virginia a detailed account of the acts of their administrations. Not that they must, for, in Virginia, Masonry is still Masonry as of old, and, within the landmarks, grand masters know no must. From the dawn of civilization to this, our day, peoples, states, nations and principalities have tried every system of government that could be devised from absolute despotism, through all the various grades of responsible ministries, to absolute, direct democracy, and all have been found defective and unstable. Our system alone, at one and the same time a pure democracy and a pure autocracy, has survived unchanged. All Masons, regardless of their social or political

rank, with or without so-called "higher degrees," are equal—all brethren And yet, once every year, we meet together and choose one of our number grand master. We give to him power to act for us all, as if his acts were our acts. Save that those acts must not be subversive of the principles of Masonry, we do not limit his power or call him to account. This very trust and confidence makes him, if a true Mason, all the more careful and conservative, restrains all tendency toward radicalism and gives pause to hasty, impulsive action.

For one hundred and thirty years this office in Virginia has been filled by governors, jurists, statesmen, soldiers, and the highest and best of this, the highest and best of the peoples of the earth. John Blair, James Mercer, Edmund Randolph, John Marshall and Robert Brooke, in the early days, and in the later years, Robert E. Withers, Wm. B. Taliaferro, Richard Parker, Wm. F. Drinkard and J. P. Fitzgerald, are a few only of the grand and distinguished men to succeed whom would be cause for pride to any man. These, with many others, some still living, and equally as worthy to be named, are my predecessors, and shall not I feel proud to be the least among them? You have had many, very many, grand masters, of whom you have cause to be proud—none who has had more cause for pride himself in your love and trust of him. You have had many abler men to fill this office—you and your predecessors never made one a happier, prouder man.

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Some time in July I received an invitation to be present at the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of St. John's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts, October 4, 5 and 6. Originally this was St. John's Provincial Grand Lodge, with delegated powers of chartering lodges in America, and it chartered many, one of them in Virginia. I was informed that each of the fourteen grand masters (with his lady) of the older jurisdictions along the Atlantic seaboard was invited. As this lodge had chartered lodges in each of our jurisdictions, I felt that we were under obligation to accept. Recognizing the peculiar relations of Virginia and Massachusetts, remembering that Jamestown and Plymouth Rock were the two first permanent English settlements on this continent, I felt impelled to do what I could, within my limited powers, to place and keep Virginia and the Masonry of Virginia in first place in the hearts of our hosts. I thought that a souvenir from our old hall on Franklin street would be a fitting thing—from the oldest Masonic building to the oldest Masonic lodge. I had a jeweler make a Masonic emblem, composed of old wrought iron nails from that old building, on a handsome silver shield, suitably and very fully inscribed on the back. I kept this a profound secret from the lodge, to spring as a surprise. My daughter accompanied me, and we arrived by steamer from Norfolk, Sunday, October 4. We were all there except the grand master of Georgia, who could not be present. We were put up at the Parker House as guests of the lodge, and every waking moment of our stay was filled each with a separate joy. Committees of ladies entertained our ladies, whether or not we could at the time be with them, and I have lost count of the number of feasts served to our party in all. The ceremonies began with a religious service in Tremont Temple, with a bishop brought across the continent to preach the sermon, and five of those Boston male quartettes to sing. That night our party was divided and entertained at two separate banquets. Next morning was devoted to sight seeing, and at two o'clock we met in a session, lasting

in all eleven hours. Each visiting grand master, and Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, was introduced and welcomed in turn, with that charming manner so natural to Wor. Leonard G. Roberts. The whole introduction was a grand and stately ceremony. At a time arranged by Bro. Roberts, but purposely not announced, I presented the souvenir, with a speech intended to emphasize the beauty and power of Masonry. I called attention to the dramatic saving of our old building by a Union colonel at the evacuation of Richmond, by putting a guard, all Masons, over it in the midst of the horrors of the evacuation and the excitement of the great fire. I also mentioned the gathering there of hundreds of Union soldiers, at a called meeting of Richmond Lodge No. 10, to devise measures of relief for the suffering families of our soldiers still fighting their way toward Appomattox. The effect and the reception of the souvenir I will only say was eminently satisfactory to me. The lodge has a museum of antiquities and your souvenir has its place there now in a glass case. On the 6th our party, together with our hosts, both ladies and gentlemen, were taken over the surrounding country in twelve automobiles. On our return Grand Master Blake gave the gentlemen a banquet at the Algonquin Club, and on another floor Mrs. Blake gave the ladies another. *They* called them lunches—*we* did not. That evening we had a public reception, another banquet, theatricals and a ball. Fortunately we all survived. Of their hospitality it is sufficient for your understanding that I can truly say that, male and female, Boston's people seemed to me to be Virginians.

Under the head of corner-stones, the grand master reports placing eight in person and twenty-five by proxy—which indicates that the grand master, who in 1906 expressed the opinion that the corner-stones had all been laid, was not up to the tide of Virginia's progress.

There is a record of fifty-five decisions made by the grand master, and upon them the committee on grand master's address reported as follows, and their report was adopted:

We concur in all of his decisions, and are glad to note his correction of decision No. 50, which renders unnecessary any comment upon our part as to this one. We congratulate him upon the success of his administration and the craft upon the zeal and ability which have characterized his entire course as the supreme head of Virginia Masonry.

This brings decision No. 50 into particular notice, and as it discusses a matter of general interest, we quote it in full:

50. That section 308 is both mandatory and directory. "The worshipful master rules and governs his lodge." Section 174 says: "The master of a lodge shall direct and control the order of business in his lodge as well when the lodge is in recess as in session." Not only so, but it does not lie in the mouth of his lodge to criticize his course in so doing in any particular. It *is* the law that those delinquent for dues *shall* be cited, but it is within the discretion of the worshipful master as to when he shall enforce the law. Our Methodical Digest is not intended to set aside the prerogative of the W.M. in ruling and governing his lodge for its best interests.

Being asked for a fuller explanation of the above, and being informed that it was being abused, I said: "Regarding the request that

I amplify my decision given last spring, which is too familiar to you to make it necessary to quote here, I have this explanation to make, that all may clearly understand the law as I have laid it down: *It is* the duty of the W.M. of a lodge to cause to be cited brethren delinquent for one year's dues to appear and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of the same. The issuing of this citation is mandatory on him, and at the same time it is directory, in the sense that he possesses a peculiar prerogative which none can gainsay. Should he neglect his duty, it is not the province of the lodge, or any member thereof, as such, to call his action in question, but he is liable to discipline from higher authority. Should a worshipful master persistently neglect his duty in this particular, as in any other, to the injury of his lodge, or arbitrarily continue to refuse to issue citations simply as an exercise of his prerogative, without good and sufficient reason in the interest of his lodge, it would be the duty of the D.D.G.M. to order him to perform this official act, required of him by the Grand Lodge of Virginia. Masonry stands singly and alone, and is not governed by deductions from apparently parallel conditions under civil law, nor by the rules of parliamentary law. Our system of government radically differs from any other in that it combines an absolute autocracy with a perfect democracy. A worshipful master rules and governs his lodge, subject only to question by higher authority, but he is, all the more, under obligation not to do so in an imperious or dictatorial manner. Kindly courtesy and consideration for the wishes of all his brethren should characterize his every act."

Since rendering this decision, and after consultation with distinguished brethren, I am convinced that it is unwise and should not be adopted for future guidance. The law is mandatory that *citations* must be issued as soon as the delinquent is one year in arrears. The lodge may, in its discretion, suspend or not as it sees fit, or give the delinquent further time. The citation should stand in force until properly answered or acted upon.

It is the custom in Virginia to open and close the grand lodge at each session thereof, even when more than one session is held in one day. In the afternoon of the second day, there was what the record calls a social session, and we quote the following from its minutes:

The most worshipful grand master announced that this social session had been called for the purpose of receiving Worshipful Leonard George Roberts, worshipful master of St. John's Lodge, of Boston, Massachusetts, the oldest Masonic lodge in America, in return for courtesies shown our grand master by Wor. Brother Roberts and St. John's Lodge during his visit to Boston, so fully set forth in his annual address.

The grand master appointed Most Worshipfuls R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Ed. N. Eubank, and Thos. N. Davis a committee to introduce Wor. Bro. Roberts to the grand lodge.

Wor. Leonard G. Roberts was introduced, welcomed most cordially by the grand master, conducted to the East, saluted according to ancient usage and responded eloquently and feelingly.

He extended to the Grand Lodge of Virginia the cordial fraternal greetings of St. John's Lodge and also of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; expressed his grateful appreciation of the honor conferred on

him on this occasion and of the many courtesies shown him by his Masonic brethren during his present visit to Richmond. He especially referred to the close relations that have existed between Massachusetts and Virginia, in the history of Masonry and of this country.

Most Wor. R. T. W. Duke, Jr., on behalf of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, then most happily presented to Brother Roberts a souvenir, consisting of a bit of wood from the hour glass used in that lodge during the mastership of George Washington. This, Brother Roberts accepted in graceful and appropriate terms and returned to Alexandria-Washington Lodge his thanks and those of his lodge for this valuable token.

Brother Roberts then presented to the grand master for the grand lodge, on behalf of St. John's Lodge, a gavel, the head made of a piece of oak taken from the old South Church, Boston, the handle of a piece of live oak from the old United States vessel Constitution (Ironsides). The gavel was contained in a handsome case, elaborately inscribed.

The gavel was received by the grand master, who extended his thanks and those of the grand lodge to St. John's Lodge for this valuable relic.

The grand master then declared the grand lodge at ease to give the brethren an opportunity to be personally introduced to Brother Roberts and shake his hand.

After which it was ordered that this grand lodge be now closed until six o'clock p. m.

Upon the recommendation of the committee on foreign correspondence recognition was accorded to the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, the only reason assigned being in the words, "Said grand lodge having complied with the requirements of this grand lodge, necessary to recognition."

The report on correspondence (129 pp.) is by M.W. Bro. Joseph William Eggleston, grand master. As an introduction he favors his readers with the relation of the following:

Unique Event.

Just preceding the grand annual communication, on the evening of February 8, 1909, a special communication of Richmond Randolph Lodge No. 19, A.F. and A.M. (which lodge has continuous records from 1787 to date), was held in the "Masons' Hall," Richmond, Va., the oldest Masonic building in America and the first erected for purely Masonic purposes.

This communication was held for the purpose of tendering a reception to Worshipful Leonard G. Roberts, master of St. John's Lodge, Boston, Mass., the oldest Masonic lodge in America, chartered in 1733.

The sentiment inspiring the event was intensified by the fact that on April 3, 1865, in the midst of the excitement of the evacuation of the city and the great fire, when thousands of negro slaves had been set free in a moment, all law and order abolished, hoodlums, deserters, spies and criminals, crawling from their hiding places to burn and pillage, and one-third of the city—its business session—in flames, a federal colonel* halted the column of United States troops and put a guard, com-

*If we mistake not this refers to Col. Edward M. L. Ehlers, now Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

posed of Masons, over the building, and thus preserved this historic building and those priceless records.

The sentiment was also intensified because St. John's Lodge, Boston, had, in October, 1908, entertained at their 175th anniversary the grand master of Masons in Virginia, together with the grand masters of the old thirteen states, Maine, Vermont and Nova Scotia, except the grand master of Georgia, who could not be present. Worshipful Brother Roberts and his wife were in Richmond as the invited guests of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. He was escorted to the lodge by Grand Master Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Junior Warden William L. Andrews and Grand Senior Deacon Philip K. Bauman. When introduced to the lodge, he found wood fires burning in the two great fire-places (the first time for nearly fifty years), the room lighted both by candles and electric lights, thus linking the eighteenth and the twentieth centuries, and fifteen of the officers and members in colonial costumes, impersonating John Blair, governor of Virginia and grand master; James Mercer, chief justice of Virginia (who wrote Mary Washington's will) and grand master; Edmund Randolph, governor of Virginia and grand master; Alexander Montgomery, grand master; Thomas Matthews, grand master; John Marshall, chief justice United States and grand master; Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia and grand master; Benjamin Day, grand master; William Austin, grand master; William W. Hening, grand master; John H. Foushee, grand master; Solomon Jacobs, grand master; D. W. Patteson, grand master; Robert G. Scott, grand master; William H. Fitzwhylsonn, grand master.

There were more than two hundred present in this old hall, for many years the meeting place of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The old records were on exhibition, beginning in 1787 and including the reception given Lafayette there in 1824, with his and his escorts' signatures. There were also many records of bygone days displayed, among them a sabre left in the ante-room by one of the many United States soldiers, who met there, voluntarily, to devise means of relief of the sufferings of the families of Confederate soldiers still fighting their way to Appomattox.

The ceremonies were elaborate, and reflect credit on the worshipful master, C. P. Eldridge, and the other officers and members of this historic lodge. Brother Roberts was presented with a large, framed picture of the building exterior, lodge room and chapter room. He was also presented with a portrait of His Excellency, Governor Randolph, who signed the charter and after whom the lodge was named; a complete set of working tools, fashioned from the timbers of the building, including a trowel hammered out of nails. The portrait of Edmund Randolph was presented by Right Worshipful Ben. P. Owen on behalf of Manchester Lodge No. 14. A roasted "possum," with an apple in its mouth, was brought in on a platter and formally presented by Right Worshipful Brother Owen on behalf of the same lodge, which has had a "possum feast" annually for more than a hundred years. The feast which followed was in imitation of those of the eighteenth century, and consisted in part of the "possum" and included the bowl of punch, which our fathers thought indispensable. Thus were the oldest lodge and the oldest building linked together.

In the four pages which he gives to Illinois he reviews our session of 1908. He quotes what Grand Master Bell said about the schools of

instruction, and thoroughly approves his attitude regarding attendance at church services in regalia or as organized bodies.

We make the following extract from his report:

Of course, when there was an established church, loyalty to which was a civic duty, it was all very well, but in this land and day it means but one single thing, a desire to be seen marching in regalia, and that is lowering our dignity. When, for special reasons, all are agreed as to a special occasion, let them go in a body if they choose, but not as lodge nor in regalia.

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The formal oration was on peace among nations. It was a good one, by Grand Orator Elmer E. Beach, but should that contagious insanity, without which wars could never come, sweep over our land, it is safe to say that Brother Beach would hasten to fling wide the doors of the Temple of Janus. His picture indicates fight in every line.

And now for the seductive report of the renowned and revered Joseph Robbins. We have pored over it for hours that would have sufficed to review several other volumes, but must make our extracts from reviews, other than of Virginia, brief for obvious reasons.

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He considers balloting on moral fitness for each degree, as we in Virginia do, a modern innovation. Perhaps it is, and if so it is wrong, but it works surprisingly well. It has been our custom for a great many years, and will probably never be changed. In olden times, when Entered Apprentices were full members, one ballot covered the case, of necessity; but our three degrees, as qualifications for membership, are a comparatively modern innovation themselves, and seem to demand three ballots, to enable the brethren to stop those found unfit as they progress and before they obtain membership.

If in olden times one ballot admitted to full membership, why not logically (so far as elective requirements go) should it not do the same now?

Joseph W. Eggleston, Richmond, grand master; George W. Carrington, Richmond, grand secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1908.

51st Annual. Tacoma. June 16.

At the fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington, held at Tacoma, June 16, 1908, Grand Master Ralph Clapp McAllaster presided and opened the grand lodge in ample form. There were present thirteen past grand masters, a past deputy grand master, a past senior grand warden, and a past junior grand warden, a large number of past masters, and the representatives of 157 of the 161 char-

tered lodges of the state, and delegates from eight of the ten lodges U.D. Illinois was not one of the states represented by the forty-four diplomats present. An address of welcome was made by W. Bro. George Lawler, past master of Tacoma Lodge, to which fitting response was made by R.W. Bro. Jeremiah Netterer, junior grand warden.

We make the following extract from the address of Grand Master McAllaster:

Our annual reunion day has come again. From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, we have come up to renew old friendships and form new ones, to hear what has been done in the name and for the honor of Masonry since last we met, and to plan what shall be done in the year to come. With the cordial welcome from the brethren of this beautiful city ringing in our ears, in this beautiful temple redolent with the aroma of friendship, and in the effulgence of the Great Light which is our inspiration and guide, we take up the duties of the fifty-first annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington.

It is an inspiration to be a part of such a gathering. As you look around, you see the men who are making the communities of which our state is so justly proud,—men whose force and energy are exerted in behalf of the best things which enter into our state and national life. They are men who have no time to waste over small and useless things, no strength to expend in that which is of no importance when accomplished, and the fact that they are giving of their time and strength to Masonry proves its worth to the world. Know them all before you go home. Carry back with you the inspiration of their spirit. Be better and stronger for the influence of this week.

And, above all, give yourself, your best self, to the matters which come up for consideration. Bring out your ideas and your ideals for the benefit of this institution in whose name we are met, and whose honor and reputation we hold so dear.

In his list of distinguished dead, he gives the name of Past Grand Secretary J. H. C. Dill, of our jurisdiction. The grand master reported the constituting of eight newly chartered lodges in Washington and one in Alaska, and the instituting of eight lodges under dispensation in Washington and two in Alaska. He also reported the placing of three corner-stones.

Under the head of "Dispensations Refused," the grand master said:

I have refused all applications for dispensations to ballot upon candidates or confer the degrees in less than the statutory time. Also all applications for dispensations to hold the annual meeting before the regular date, and all applications to waive residence requirements.

I refused a dispensation to Ionic Lodge No. 90, to elect a senior warden. The brother holding that position was re-elected but declined to be re-installed. I held that there was no vacancy.

And this was concurred in by the jurisprudence committee, whose report was adopted. It may be good law to compel a brother to remain

in office against his desire, beyond the period for which he was elected and longer than he tacitly agreed to serve when installed, but all the same we think there should be a way to relieve him under the circumstances, and we see no better way than for the grand master to grant a dispensation authorizing a special election.

The grand master made the following decision:

A petitioner who has lost the first joint of the index finger of the right hand can comply with all the requirements of the several degrees, and is therefore eligible.

On this the committee on jurisprudence reported, what we think is the right doctrine:

In the matter of physical qualifications, we believe the lodges should judge of the petitioner's fitness by the sole test of whether the maim or defect in his body renders him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees require of him.

The following is from the report of the committee on returns and work of lodges:

That there are now in this jurisdiction, or rather there were at the close of the year, December 31, 1907, 12,237 affiliated Master Masons, 146 Fellow Crafts, and 357 Entered Apprentices; that during the year there have been initiated 1,138, passed 1,128, raised 1,115, affiliated 540, reinstated 93. Our loss in membership is as follows: Died, 149; dimitted, 279; dropped for non-payment of dues, 155; suspended for unmasonic conduct, 2; expelled, 3. During the year 221 petitioners for the degrees were rejected. The net increase of Master Masons for the year is 1,334.

That dues collected were, for general purposes $12,442, for Masonic home $6,398.25, making a grand total of $18,840.25.

Action looking to purchasing or establishing of a Masonic home was taken as follows:

M.W. Bro. Jos. A. Kuhn submitted a proposition from Mrs. Kate Eisenbeis, to sell or lease to the grand lodge her property, consisting of a large three-story brick residence and two blocks of land near Port Townsend, for a Masonic home, which proposition was accompanied by a resolution by Port Townsend Lodge No. 6, favoring the project.

The foregoing proposition, and the following resolution offered by M.W. Bro. Kuhn, were, on motion, referred to the committee on finance:

Resolved, That a committee of three past grand masters be appointed by the incoming grand master at the time of his installation, which committee shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to examine and purchase a site for a Masonic home; and to report their acts, with abstract of title, to the grand secretary within six months; and if, upon examination of said abstract by attorney, the title be found good, the grand secretary is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the grand treasurer for the amount of the purchase price, upon execution of a warranty deed.

The finance committee were in favor of the general proposition but adverse to the special application of it, as witness their report, which was adopted by the grand lodge:

That some of the Masonic home funds should be invested in real property suitable for the location of a home, and that this property be unimproved realty.

The following report from the committee on jurisprudence was adopted, and shows that Washington has taken definite action along a line now under consideration in Illinois:

Every district deputy grand master shall be well skilled in the standard work, and in the customs and usages of the craft, and shall be in possession of a certificate of proficiency issued in accordance with § 105*a* of the Masonic code; he shall be a master or past master, and a member in good standing of some lodge in the district for which he is appointed, and shall receive a warrant of his appointment signed by the grand master and attested by the grand secretary.

Each district deputy grand master shall have power, and it shall be his duty:

1. To visit officially every lodge in his district at least once during his term of office; and all necessary expenses incurred by him in the discharge of this duty shall be paid by the lodge so visited.

2. To preside, if deemed necessary, in any lodge upon the occasion of his official visit; to examine its books, records and blanks and see if they are correct in form and properly kept; to ascertain the state and condition of the lodge in all respects; to point out any errors he may ascertain in their conduct and mode of working, and to instruct them in every particular wherein he shall find they may require or desire information.

3. To report in writing to the grand master, on or before the first day of May of each year, the state of Masonry within his jurisdiction, the general condition of each lodge in his district, and all his official acts therein.

The grand orator, W. Bro. William H. Acuff, delivered a very eloquent and stirring oration, from which we make a few extracts with a feeling of regret that we cannot quote it in full:

As God has revealed his plans on the trestle-board of the ages gone by, so now He has placed before us stern duties, placed upon us grave obligations, granted to us wondrous privileges; the obligations to help each struggling fellow-being to know the truth; our duty to illustrate in our daily intercourse with the world that our actions are incited by the light that he has so generously given to shine in our souls; the privilege to lend the helping hand, to speak the needed word of cheer, to do the kindly act. Love, always love, was the mission of the Carpenter's Son, the burden of His message, the labor of His life—"Love one another."

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Man in all the varied walks of life is treating his brother man to a much greater measure of forbearance, charity, justice and love than ever before in the history of the race. And it is my profound conviction that one of the greatest factors in this betterment is the Masonic brotherhood; standing, as it always has, as the implacable foe of tyranny, polit-

ical or spiritual, of ignorance and bigotry, of the persecution of man by man, everywhere and always. It is teaching the doctrine of truth and love, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, binding up the wounds of the afflicted, visiting the sick and those in prison, protecting the widow and the orphan, not because they are of the faith of the doer, of his creed, but because they need his kind ministration.

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I wish I might tell you of the sunshine and joy and hope that have been brought into darkened and joyless lives, and of hopes restored where only despair was. Twice within the past year there have come to my notice remarkable decisions of judges within our jurisdiction, decisions that were so full of the principles of truth, justice and love for the erring one that they stand out like beacon-lights to weary and hopeless mariners. Needless to say that both these judges are honored members of our beloved order, and are deeply versed in its principles and teachings.

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Love, sympathy—what power for truth! How they bring sunshine into darkness, and joy and hope where only sorrow and despair dwelt! The only creed that Masons are taught is love, and it includes all that is true and noble. Beneath its canopy all may find safety from the blight of hatred and malice. Masonry has no controversy with him of any faith, but she has supremest charity and an open heart which yearns to embrace the weary wanderer from the ways of truth and love. She has no weapons of war; her mission is "peace on earth, good will toward men." Love, relief and truth—by these subtle influences all her victories are won.

From a special report of the committee on foreign correspondence the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of Saskatchewan and Queensland be recognized.

That the request for recognition from the Gran Logia "Cosmos" and the Gran Logia de Chile be postponed for further consideration.

That the requests for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Greece and the Grande Oriente d'Italia be refused.

M.W. Bro. William Henry Norris, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was officially received and introduced, and responded with thanks for courtesies extended.

The report on correspondence (170 pp.) is another of those masterly productions from the able reviewer, M.W. Bro. Stephen James Chadwick, past grand master. At the beginning of his five-page review of the Illinois grand lodge meeting of 1907, he says:

Grand Master C. E. Allen makes the remarkable statement in opening his annual address that the total number of Masons in his jurisdiction is 85,000, a gain of 4,930 in one year. He vouches for the character of this increase, saying that they are for the most part strong and intelligent young men, representing the best manhood in the several communities.

We sometimes feel *big* in Washington. Our greatness is mostly wrapped up in possibilties—the future—but when we come into the

presence of a jurisdiction that in one year in the ordinary work of the lodges will initiate, pass and raise a number equal to the half of our whole membership, we must acknowledge that we do not amount to much, after all. And the more remarkable is the statement that among this great body of men he was called upon to make no decisions worthy of report, all questions being answered by simple reference to the grand lodge by-laws.

Five corner-stones were laid and ten lodges opened under dispensation. The grand master receives a salary of $1,500 and the expense of his office.

Saskatchewan was recognized.

The session was enlivened by the presence of P.G.M. Gash, of Utah, who, in response to his formal introduction, told of the organization of his grand lodge and its subsequent trials under the ban of the Mormon hierarchy.

He remarks that Brother Robbins "makes short shrift of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico," and quotes in full his special report on that subject and what he said regarding the genesis of Mexican Masonry. He also gives Brother Robbins' lists of recognized and unrecognized grand lodges, and adds:

Brother Robbins is regarded as the best authority in all matters pertaining to foreign recognition and we commend his work as of exceptional value to all who are interested in this vexed question. We may safely assume that each case has been determined on its merits, for Brother Robbins is not one of those who admit the right of recognition because the Grand Lodge of England or any other or any number of grand lodges have accorded recognition.

As usual, Brother Robbins' correspondence report is a complete volume of Masonic lore. It is not within the power of any man to do it justice in a so-called correspondence report. The whole space usually given this committee could be profitably employed on this report alone. Brother Robbins thoroughly reviews our 1906 proceedings.

At the conclusion of his general report, Brother Chadwick quotes the address made by Grand Master Gove, of Washington, upon his visit to the semi-centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

There is so much of historical interest in this address, that we are sure our readers will be glad to see the following extracts from it:

The advance in population and material resources of the State of Washington during the first ten years of its existence as a state, dating from 1889, was proportionately greater than that of the prosperous states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York; and since that time the ratio of advance in population and the development of material resources has been twice as great. If any of you doubt this, come to our great state, visit the city of Spokane with its hundred thousand people, the city of Tacoma, my home, which doubled its population in the last six years, or the city of Seattle, with its 250,000 inhabitants; come and visit the great wheat fields of Eastern Washington or the irrigated districts of the Yakima valley.

This wonderful development that has been made should continue, and there are several reasons for it; the first is due to its climate, which is most delightful and even, as we have no extreme hot or cold weather; neither do we have thunder storms or tornadoes. The next causative agency is our resources, which are marvelous in extent. The state is exceedingly rich in minerals, and its coal mines are extensive. Very few people comprehend the vast wealth hidden in its forests, as it has millions of acres of virgin timber to which the axe has never been laid. Likewise our fisheries are great. The development of these resources makes an ever increasing commerce. And lastly, its prosperity depends upon its active people, for a no more energetic and enterprising people exist on the face of the globe than inhabit the State of Washington. Another great element which I overlooked is Puget Sound, the gateway to the open sea, where the commerce of the world has unlimited sway. All the great railways pass through your state and terminate on the Pacific Coast, which is where the rails and the sails meet.

Now, most worshipful grand master, I speak of all these things because they serve to illustrate or explain the reason why Masonry has prospered as it has in the far northwest. Masonry in the northwest can properly date from the year 1846, when William P. Dougherty and several other brethren met at Oregon City in Oregon in the spring of that year, and discussed the idea of organizing a lodge at that place, which deliberations resulted in an application being made to the Grand Lodge of Missouri for a charter. It was granted and was sent overland in a hair skin trunk, and in the fall of that year safely reached its destination, and that trunk and charter are carefully preserved by the craft of that city. The Grand Lodge of Oregon was organized in September, 1851, by three lodges—one at Oregon City, one at Multnomah, and one at LaFayette.

In Washington, Masonry existed before it did in Nebraska; for I believe the proper date to reckon from is when the first lodge within the state received its charter, which in her case occurred June 13, 1853, when Olympia Lodge received a charter from the Grand Lodge of Oregon; thus antedating the first charter received by any lodge in the jurisdiction of Nebraska by about two years.

The Grand Lodge of Washington was organized December 8, 1858, by four lodges, three of which are now in existence. At that time there were 113 Masons upon the roll of those lodges. At the present time there are within that jurisdiction 151 subordinate lodges, five of which are in Alaska, with a total membership of 11,000.

I cannot close my remarks without referring to two eminent Masons of the State of Washington, reference having been made to two prominent Masons of Nebraska. I refer to Thomas Milburne Reed, who, at the time of his lamented death two years ago, had occupied the office of grand secretary longer than any other grand secretary in the world. He exerted an influence for good in Masonry that has been felt in all parts of the world. Another brother is William H. Upton, who died last year. No Mason in the United States had attained a greater knowledge of Masonry than he, having devoted and given up a great part of his life to its cause.

Royal Amenzo Gove, Tacoma, grand master; Horace Walter Tyler, Tacoma, grand secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1908.

44TH ANNUAL. FAIRMONT. NOVEMBER 11.

The frontispiece of the proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia, is a half-tone picture of the attractive face of M.W. Bro. EMMET M. SHOWALTER, of whom it is stated in the accompanying biographical sketch that he is probably the youngest man ever elected to preside over that grand lodge, being born in 1869.

The second illustration is a cut of the Masonic temple at Fairmont, where the grand lodge met, and there are half-tones, with appropriate obituary notices, of M.W. Bro. ELI MARSH TURNER, grand master in 1892—born December 4, 1848, died March 1, 1908, and R.W. Bro. HENRY BYRON BAGULEY, born July 28, 1856, and who died May 1, 1908, while serving as junior grand warden.

The opening pages of the volume are devoted to the minutes of fifteen special communications of the grand lodge, four of which were for the purpose of constituting newly chartered lodges, ten to place corner-stones, and one to attend the funeral of Past Grand Master TURNER.

The forty-fourth annual communication of the grand lodge met at Fairmont, November 11, 1908, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. JAMES A. BRYAN, grand master. There were present in addition to the usual quota of grand lodge officers, thirteen past grand masters, including M.W. Bro. HIRAM R. HOWARD, grand secretary, who responded as the representative of Illinois, and a constitutional number of representatives of lodges—denominated "subordinate" in the record, but which we prefer to call "constituent."

We quote as follows from the first part of the grand master's address:

Upon this, the forty-fourth anniversary of the organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I congratulate you upon this auspicious occasion. This magnificent temple with its splendid surroundings, and the prosperous city of Fairmont, reminds us that forty-four years ago amid surroundings much different from the present, after several unsuccessful attempts the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was finally organized in Fairmont on Wednesday, April 12, 1865. The brethren who had at heart the interest of Freemasonry in West Virginia laid the foundations of this splendid superstructure of which we are proud, and today with its twelve thousand members and one hundred and forty subordinate lodges we have within our ranks the best, purest and most noble citizenship of our great mountain state.

I congratulate the brethren of Fairmont upon the erection of this magnificent temple; it speaks of their love, zeal and sacrifice for the

cause of Freemasonry and is a sure indication that the teachings of our order are attracting the attention of men of means and influence in the community, as well as contributing to the standing of Freemasonry throughout this grand jurisdiction.

As the years go by the institution of Freemasonry loses none of its force and power. Its principles are as enduring as the ages because its teachings are founded upon the excellent tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth and having for its cardinal virtues temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and being devoted to the right and the uplifting of mankind and believing in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and accepting the teachings of the Holy Bible, the great light in Masonry, as the guide to our faith and standing for purity of life, nobility of character, good citizenship, and just and liberal government of the affairs of the people, it shall continue to grow and prosper and attract the best men of the ages to come, as it ever has in the past.

He gives a complete record of proxies issued and dispensations granted for various ceremonials, like the laying of corner-stones, constituting lodges, and attendance at church service, and says of dispensations refused:

I have refused all requests for dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order. This may not have been the most popular arrangement, but I am convinced it is for the best interests of all concerned. There are occasions when this prerogative of the grand master should be exercised, for instance, a candidate belonging to the regular army and not at home a sufficient time to receive the degrees. My observation in an experience of thirty years has been that the hurry-up process has not been good for the candidate nor for the benefit of the lodge, nor do the candidates appreciate the value of the degrees under such circumstances.

We are of the opinon that less liberality in granting special dispensations would increase respect for the law. If laws are to be set aside for the asking, why not wipe them off the books? We think that M.W. Bro. Bell, of our jurisdiction, made a decided advance when he took the attitude he did, regarding church attendance in organized form, and we are glad to see that so many correspondents are endorsing his position. If grand masters, who may be considering this subject and who hesitate about being radical on the question, will adopt the plan of granting the dispensations on condition that no Masonic clothing, regalia or jewels shall be displayed, they will be in the way of learning whether divine worship or personal aggrandizement is uppermost in the minds of the petitioners.

We should be greatly interested to learn the result of a little experimenting along this line.

On the subject of life membership the grand master says:

There is a growing sentiment throughout this grand jurisdiction in favor of honorary or life memberships in lodges desiring such regulations. Under our present laws no subordinate lodge can enact a by-law

granting to its members exemption from dues after twenty-five or thirty consecutive years of membership in the same lodge. I have no recommendation to offer, but it seems to me that some time in the near future the grand lodge will be called upon to make some provision for such lodges as desire a favorable consideration of this subject.

Just here we remark that the grand master has "another think coming," and when he takes it he will be glad that his grand lodge has thus far escaped, what was once an epidemic, but which experience has proved was a mistake. The grand master also expressed his views about perpetual jurisdiction as follows:

This grand jurisdiction adheres to the law of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. I do not believe the law is a good one and certainly not in keeping with the progressive march of other jurisdictions. It is not a landmark, but a custom which has been adhered to in a few grand jurisdictions only, and I believe it works injury to the cause of Masonry and keeps good material out of our lodges. While it is not proper to question the motive that prompts a brother to cast a cube, yet we know that too frequently a personal prejudice prompts the casting of the cube, and the victim of such a prejudice must suffer for such action and should he remove to another jurisdiction he has no release. The law ought to be a relic of the past, for it is not in keeping with the spirit of Masonry, nor with the teachings of that great light in Masonry, the Holy Bible, which admonishes us if we sin, redemption is possible. I believe a term of five years is sufficient jurisdiction for any lodge over a petitioner. A great number of jurisdictions hold one year as sufficient. I have been in correspondence with the grand masters of other grand jurisdictions in regard to this matter and submit their responses to the committee on jurisprudence. Forty-one grand masters responded and of this number only eleven grand jurisdictions hold for perpetual jurisdiction, while a majority hold one year as sufficient. I recommend that some action be taken by this grand lodge to change this law. It might be well for the grand secretary to publish the list showing the term of years held by each grand jurisdiction. It would save unnecessary correspondence between grand masters for waiver of jurisdiction where a waiver is not required.

We are a firm believer in the principle of perpetual jurisdiction, but the trend appears to be against it, as Grand Master Bryan observes.

As a matter of information, we append the table which the grand secretary prepared in accordance with the above suggestion:

Perpetual—Pennsylvania, Illinois, North Carolina, South Dakota, South Carolina, Maryland, Louisiana, Nebraska, Texas, West Virginia, Mississippi.

Only requiring three-fourths vote—New Jersey.

Five Years — Oregon, Rhode Island, Arkansas, Maine, Michigan, Washington, District of Columbia, Wisconsin.

Three Years—Ohio.

One Year—Nevada, Montana, Oklahoma, North Dakota, California, Arizona, Quebec, New York, Ontario, Washington, New Mexico, Utah, Georgia, Minnesota, Tennessee.

Six Months—Iowa.
Not Perpetual—Virginia.
No Jurisdiction Recognized—Wyoming.
Not Perpetual—Kansas, Missouri, Colorado.

It would surely tend to do away with friction if something like uniformity could be reached.

The chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, to whom had been referred the application for recognition from the Grand Lodge "Cosmos," of Chihuahua, Mexico, made an adverse report and it was adopted by the grand lodge. On motion of Past Grand Master JOHN H. RILEY, fraternal recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

From the report of the committee on chartered lodges it appears that West Virginia has 138 chartered lodges and 3 lodges U.D., with a total membership of 12,814, an increase of 736 for the year.

By vote of the grand lodge the place of meeting of the next annual communication was fixed at Wheeling.

The report on correspondence (190 pp.) is the third by Past Grand Master H. R. HOWARD, grand secretary. He quotes Grand Master BELL'S position regarding lodge attendance at church, and except upon the question of the needed presence of a visible charter to make a lodge meeting legal, is generally in accord with Illinois precedents. So much of what he says is complimentary and is so well put that we cannot do better than make liberal quotations as follows:

The grand master's address is an able report, summarizing in full his official acts, and dealing generally with the affairs of the craft within his jurisdiction; such a report as is worthy of the second largest grand lodge in this country, with its upwards of 90,000 members.

None of the elective officers of the grand lodge, either present or past were removed by death during the year, but the decease of Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, one of the best known Masons of that grand jurisdiction and who never held any elective office in the grand lodge, was reported, as was that of Bro. Charles C. Marsh, a district deputy grand master.

In this grand jurisdiction a system of schools of instruction is provided for, and held by the grand examiners, frequently assisted by licensed lecturers. The grand master says they have done more to promote uniformity in work and teach the standard work than all other agencies combined, besides unifying the lodges of the state into one great homogeneous body, so that even the remotest, most obscure lodge feels that it is a part of the great Masonic family of the state. I make mention of this that my brethren may know how so large a number of lodges and membership are wielded into one mighty, powerful mass, and taught to practice the same identical esoteric ritual in their work.

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Like Rhode Island, Illinois has confusion with reference to its corporate name. Originally incorporated as "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," and all of its subordinate lodges chartered in that name, by some slip of the pen in an act of re-incorporation in 1855, the word "Ancient" was eliminated, and the grand lodge and its subordinates became "Free and Accepted Masons." Steps were taken to restore the original name.

Bro. Fay Hempstead, who is our grand representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, fresh from his laurel leaf crowning as poet laureate of Masonry, was introduced and after being received with the grand honors of Masonry, responded in a pleasing manner to a brief address of welcome by Bro. Roswell T. Spencer.

The reports of the board of trustees of the Masonic homes and of the several officers and superintendents of the Illinois Masonic Home at Chicago and the Masonic Home at Sullivan, take up considerable space in the volume, and afford valuable information to those who take an interest in this particular branch of Masonic charity. The home at Chicago has been sold to advantage, and the trustees were directed to purchase another site and erect suitable buildings thereon. At present a former hotel building is rented and used in caring for the fifty children. The average cost per capita is $196.36. The board a year or two since came to the conclusion that institutional methods of raising children was not the best thing for these wards of Masonry when they came to face the stern realities of life and are thrown upon their own resources, hence they report that they are carrying out the policy, so far as possible, of placing children in families, with gratifying results.

Besides these two great charites, kept up at an annual expense of about $42,000, it is pleasing to record the fact that the contributions to other charities by lodges amounted to over $44,000, making a total of upwards of $86,000. And thus is given a practical demonstration of one of the many means of "doing good unto the household of the faithful."

One of the features of the Illinois proceedings is the report of the committee on obituaries. While the subject is far from being a cheerful one, yet they are so well written and such models of simplicity and modest tribute to the memory of those who have "crossed the great divide that separates time and eternity," that one becomes interested in perusing them. The one this year is no exception. Notices of the death of both Brothers Turner and Baguley are made in it, with pleasant words and sympathetic praise.

The oration was by Grand Orator R.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach. A half-tone portrait of him finds place in the volume. His subject was "International Brotherhood," in which he made a strong argument in favor of and plea for universal peace, in a masterly and attractive manner.

The attractiveness and popularity of Masonry in Illinois is evidenced by the eleven charters granted for new lodges (four continued under dispensation), its seven hundred and sixty-one active chartered lodges, with 90,576 members, its gain of 4,977 during the year, and its nineteen occasional grand lodges held for the several purposes of constituting new lodges, dedicating Masonic temples, and laying corner-stones of public and Masonic buildings.

The much vexed question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was again brought up by resolution and referred to a special committee of five to report next year, of which Bro. Joseph Robbins, its steady opponent, is chairman.

Three hundred and fifty pages are occupied with the report of the committee on Masonic correspondence, which is by that "prince of reviewers," Bro. Joseph Robbins, P.G.M. In his reviews he lets but little pass his scrutiny that is worthy of mentioning or of comment, either favorable or unfavorable, and the one before me keeps up his reputation in that respect. I have neither the time nor the space to give this report the attention its merits deserve, and shall, therefore, make no attempt to do so.

Emmet M. Showalter, Fairmont, grand master; H. R. Howard, Point Pleasant, grand secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1909.

65th Annual. Milwaukee. June 8.

The volume under review is well printed on good paper and of attractive appearance. There is no opening illustration, but further along may be found vignette portraits of Henry L. Palmer, grand master (1852-1853-1871-1872), John Price, Jr., senior grand warden (1888), and Myron Frank Hubbard, grand sword bearer (1905-1908), all of whom had passed to their reward during the year and to each of whom a memorial page is dedicated.

The annual communication for 1909 was held at Milwaukee, commencing at 2 p. m., on June 8, and was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. James E. Durgin, grand master.

There were present fourteen past grand masters, ten past senior grand wardens, sixteen past junior wardens, and the representatives of forty-one grand jurisdictions, including Past Grand Master Charles C. Rogers, the envoy for Illinois.

From the address of the grand master we clip the following extracts:

May I be permitted to express the hope that our deliberations shall be harmonious, and our legislation so wise as to redound to the continued prosperity of our noble craft. It is here that the buds of fraternalism blossom into the flowers of friendship and are woven into garlands to enrich and adorn our lives.

On a submerged ledge in a tempestuous and much-sailed sea there has been erected, at enormous cost of life and treasure, the Eddystone

Light. Failure followed failure until men were appalled, genius paralyzed and the opinon prevailed among scientists that its erection was impossible. Finally the engineer was found in the person of John Smeaton who was wise enough to learn from the experience of his predecessors; who was strong enough and brave enough to fix the foundation on the lodge beneath the sea; to complete the superstructure; and there it stands today, and there it promises to remain through indefinite time to come, a lasting monument to the genius of its creator and of incalculable benefit to the safety of the mariner and the commerce of the world. So there has been erected in this moral and social life of ours a Masonic lighthouse. The living rock upon which this structure rests is "belief in God." The first course laid upon this foundation is "brotherly love, relief and truth." The rule by which this structure has been reared is "Act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy, practice charity," and finally this edifice is crowned and illuminated by the precious hope of the Master Mason that death is not the end.

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In the matter of the unlawful publication, referred to the then incoming grand master, and shown on page 80 of the proceedings of 1908, I have to report that after considerable correspondence I discovered the office at which this publication was printed, the man who set the type, etc. I failed to discover the author. It was given to a brother Master Mason on the railroad train by a traveling salesman. The matter was taken up with the publisher, who is a brother Mason and who but recently had removed into this state from a jurisdiction where such publications are permissible. He immediately destroyed all existing copies, distributed the type, promised never again to print more, expressed regret for his conduct, which, I am convinced was the result of ignorance rather than improper motives, and the incident thus closed.

On December 2, 1908, there came to my attention what appeared to be a business card of a traveling salesman. On the reverse thereof was a Masonic poem, which, in my judgment, was a violation of our law. Without difficulty I located the offending brother, called his attention to the illegality of his card, secured his promise to destroy all cards in existence and to recover as far as possible and destroy those which had already been circulated. He expressed great surprise that attention should be directed to this matter, regretted that he had unintentionally violated our law, and promised to abstain from further circulation of the card in question.

On January 21, 1909, at 9:30 p. m., there was mailed at a point in the interior of this state, 200 miles from my office, a circular printed in blank addressed to the secretaries of ———— Lodges. The first line of this circular stated that the undersigned was a member of ———— Lodge No. ——, ————, Chapter No. —, R.A.M., and Chapter O.E.S. The circular proceeded to extol the value of a certain patent churn, appealed to the secretaries of the several lodges to recommend to the brethren who had $500 to invest in pushing this patent, and concluded by declaring that it was "easy."

This looked entirely too "easy" to me. Two of those circulars from different points were on my desk inside of twenty-four hours and within seventy-two hours the publisher had been communicated with, the offense called to his attention, and he had ceased circulating the offensive matter and had promised to destroy all copies in existence.

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Charity is one of the fundamental and foundation principles of the Masonic institution and it is a pleasure to report that with one exception every demand made upon the charity fund at the disposal of the grand master has been promptly and cheerfully met. The exception was as follows: I received a very urgent and insistent letter from the widow of a brother Master Mason who had removed to another state, demanding that the grand lodge pay the funeral expenses of her deceased husband. It appeared from this letter that she had previously appealed to a lodge in Chicago, of which her husband was formerly a member, without success. Then to the lodge in Wisconsin and finally to me. Investigation of this case disclosed the fact that this woman was the mother of several grown sons; that she had sold a farm upon removing from this state and had left the state with $3,500 in cash. I did not regard this as a proper object of Masonic charity and declined to contribute.

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On September 12, 1908, there came before me a district deputy grand master of the State of Illinois and informed me that a lodge in Wisconsin had received the petition of one A. B., who is a resident of the State of Illinois. The district deputy also insisted that in his judgment the petitioner was of such a character that he could not gain admission to a Masonic lodge in the State of Illinois. Upon receipt of this information I immediately wired our lodge as follows: "Take no action on petition of A. B. Wait further instructions." On September 26, 1908, I received from Alexander H. Bell, most worshipful grand master of Masons of Illinois, a letter confirming the above statement, and enclosing a certificate and affidavit from the election commissioners that said A. B. had on the 17th day of March made affidavit that he was on such date and had been for ten years prior thereto a resident of second precinct, first ward, city of Chicago, State of Illinois. Upon receipt of this information and evidence I immediately ordered our lodge to return fee and refuse petition on ground of no jurisdiction. The order was complied with.

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From the grand master of Ohio I received an invitation to participate in a communication held in the city of Cincinnati, at which a distinguished citizen was made a Mason at sight. Not being in sympathy with the purpose of this communication, I did not attend.

All going to show that M.W. Bro. DURGIN possesses the true Masonic spirit, that he was alert to the duties of his high office, able to guard its dignity, and at the same time be "Johnny on the spot" at every call.

Most of the grand master's twenty-seven decisions turn upon the interpretation of local regulations or are in accord with generally accepted law, and with two or three exceptions all were endorsed by the jurisprudence committee and confirmed by the grand lodge. One of the exceptions was a decision, which by some misfortune bore the number "thirteen," and which was to the effect that a brother who had taken a degree and had not advanced within the prescribed time, must apply in writing for advancement in order that a record could be made. This decision was so modified by the committee as to permit the request to

be made verbally. In Illinois no definite time limit for advancement is prescribed. Every step is left to the candidate's own free will and accord, subject always to discipline for unmasonic conduct on the part of E.A.'s or F.C.'s.

Referring to the Tennessee circular on the subject of printed ritual (given in full in our review of Arizona), the committee on jurisprudence say:

The sentiments expressed in the circular from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee are in accordance with the practice of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. See constitution, page 82. We commend the action of the committee on jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and trust that it may influence the several grand lodges of our country to firmly adhere to the true principles of Masonry as they have come down to us from our forefathers.

Past Grand Master C. C. Rogers presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. and A.M. of Wisconsin:

Brethren: As the accredited ambassador of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to Wisconsin, it becomes my duty to report the serious illness of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, of Quincy, Illinois, for the past twenty years chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence of that grand lodge.

This eminent brother, as most of you know, is among the foremost writers and scholars in the field of Masonic jurisprudence in the United States.

I ask that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin extend to him its sympathy with the sincere hope that he be speedily restored to health, and thus enable him to continue his labors which have in the past so creditably redounded to the best interests of the craft in our renowned sister grand jurisdiction, as well as to the fraternity throughout the world.

I respectfully request that the grand secretary forward a copy of this communication to the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Alas! that their hopes could not be realized.

The grand secretary reports 259 chartered lodges and 3 lodges U.D., with a total membership of 24,946, a net gain of 972.

The report on correspondence is another of those virile and instructive papers from the pen of that admirable writer and stalwart Mason, M.W. Bro. Aldro Jenks, past grand master, who devotes four of his 136 pp. to Illinois. He gives a summary of our proceedings of 1908, showing careful and discriminating reading.

He is in hearty accord with M.W. Bro. Bell in his attitude towards attendance at church service in lodge capacity, the use of lodge funds for business or sectarian purposes, and his circular letter regarding the formation of new lodges.

He fully sympathizes with the Illinois correspondent in his opposition to the encroachments of high-riteism upon the domain of Symbolic Masonry, and proves himself a clear thinker and a most vigorous writer upon this subject. If every intelligent, law-abiding and unprejudiced Master Mason in the land could and would read, the history of the A. and A. Scottish Rite dynasty as set forth by Brother JENKS in this report, with the quotations from authentic sources which he gives, and others which may be found in Brother ROBBINS' report of 1908, the end of all claim to control over the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, by these dissenters from the original plan of Masonry, and the end to all pretense that they ever had any rights to waive, would be at hand.

ALVIN J. WEBB, Madison, grand master; WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, grand secretary.

WYOMING, 1908.

34TH ANNUAL. SHERIDAN. SEPTEMBER 2.

When one opens the Wyoming volume he is greeted by the pleasant face in excellent half-tone likeness of M.W. Bro. MARION P. WHEELER, the present grand master, whose white hair, dark moustache, smiling features and merry eyes, bespeak an affable, energetic officer.

The thirty-fourth annual communication (the title page calls it the thirty-third) was held at Sheridan, commencing September 2, 1908. The grand lodge was opened in ample form by M.W. Bro. FRANCIS S. KING, grand master. Three past grand masters, twenty-eight past masters and the representatives of twenty-two lodges were present. A table of statistics shows that there are twenty-five chartered lodges and three lodges under dispensation in the state, with a total membership of 2,268, an increase of 166 over previous year.

From the opening portion of the grand master's address we quote:

It is a most pleasant duty as grand master to extend to my brethren the right hand of fellowship and welcome you to this the thirty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming. My brethren, it speaks well for the teachings of our order to see here assembled a body of men like this, from all parts of this vast state. In the mad scramble after wealth, amid ambition for power and striving after place and honor, you have by no means been distanced by others, but in the community in which you live you are recognized as leaders in business and in the professions. Yet busy as you are, you have been willing to sacrifice personal gain and comfort for the good of others. To do this you have had to travel many days, some by stage and some by rail, dis-

tances vast enough to cover half this continent, and yet you are here, not for personal gain, but to further the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. And recognizing the debt of gratitude we are all under to those who in the past ages have labored for the cause of justice and humanity, we are here assembled for the good of this young state of Wyoming, pledged to carry out the divine principles of Masonry and convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. This in itself justifies the existence of our order, and as long as Masonry remains true to these principles, humanity will ever strive after grander thoughts, loftier ideals and the upraising of the temple of truth will not become a lost art.

In his reference to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions, he notes the passing of R.W. Bro. JOSEPH H. C. DILL, past grand secretary of Illinois.

The grand master gives a somewhat extended, but very interesting, account of his experiences in visiting lodges in his wide domain, and in spite of the magnificent distances involved he appears to have reached a majority of them. To give some idea of the time, labor and strength expended in these visitations we append a couple of items from his report, merely as samples of similar experiences in a dozen places:

That evening, March 11, I visited Sundance Lodge No. 9, and the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees were conferred. The work was done in a creditable manner, considering that the members have to travel long distances to attend lodge, and also taking into account the distance from another lodge. This is one of the lodges that has seldom been visited by a grand lodge officer. The candidate traveled a distance of sixty-seven miles each way to receive the degrees. The officers were very anxious for instruction and appreciated my visit. The members are devoted to the interests of the order and are to be commended for their faithfulness and zeal. The attendance was large and remarkable, considering the snow that was on the ground. I was informed by the master that the jurisdiction of this lodge covered a territory of fifty-six miles by one hundred. After the lodge was closed, a banquet was served in another building, and a most enjoyable night was spent.

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August 8 I visited Evanston Lodge No. 4, in company with P.G.M. Frank Foote, Brother Bristol, S.G.D., and Brother Clark, United States senator. The Master Mason degree was worked on a candidate after he had passed an examination and stood the ballot. The work was very impressively done, but was rendered according to the manner in Nebraska and not as laid down by this grand lodge. I was glad to be enabled to inform the master that the work as authorized by this grand lodge is just as good and the only regular work in this jurisdiction. Some officers are inclined to be the judges of what should be done instead of obeying the orders of the grand lodge. There were refreshments after the close of the lodge and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The brother receiving the degree above mentioned has been compelled to travel 230 miles to receive each degree.

At the expense of a little space and for the purpose of presenting an object lesson to certain brethren who think it a hardship to travel a few blocks by street cars, or a few miles by trolley or steam cars, to

enjoy lodge privileges, and at the same time to indicate the vastness of the mountain regions, we quote the following from M.W. Bro. KING'S report:

In thus traveling through this grand jurisdiction I have traveled about 3,500 miles, 468 of which have been by stage. It is only by such a means that one is able to realize the size and extent of territory that this grand jurisdiction governs, and also to comprehend the territory covered by some of the lodges in this state. During conversation with different brethren on my visit to some of the lodges I was often informed that the brother had driven or ridden fifty and sometimes as much as seventy-five miles to attend the meeting. The zeal that actuates the members, and the sacrifice to personal comfort, that they make to attend lodge demonstrates in a remarkable manner their appreciation of the good we are achieving, and that the truths that Masonry inculcates are appreciated.

Curiosity prompted me to look into the amount of territory covered by some of our subordinate lodges, and I would like to draw your attention to some of them, which demonstrates the distance some of the members have to travel to attend lodge meetings and also the drawback to those who are seeking initiation and needing coaching for examination. It also answers the criticism sometimes passed on grand masters of this jurisdiction for granting dispensations allowing the conferring of the degrees without examination, sometimes all on one day.

The size of the territory coming under the jurisdiction of Wyoming Lodge No. 2 before the granting of the dispensations to Wind River and Riverton Lodges was as follows: 120 miles to the nearest lodge on the east, viz., Casper, 146 miles by stage; 130 miles to west line of the state; 100 miles to Green River, the nearest lodge south, 133 by stage; 60 miles to Thermopolis, nearest lodge north, 80 miles by stage.

Its jurisdiction included 12,000 square miles, and I have compared its territory to some of the eastern jurisdictions:

Its territory was 3,000 square miles larger than New Hampshire, 2,870 square miles larger than Vermont, 4,000 square miles larger than Massachusetts, 11,000 square miles larger than Rhode Island (12 times), 7,200 square miles larger than Connecticut, 4,500 square miles larger than New Jersey, 10,000 square miles larger than Delaware (6 times), and 3,000 square miles larger than Maryland.

It was as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined, with one-half of New Jersey thrown in.

Mount Moriah Lodge, at Green River, is today larger in size than Massachusetts; it is as large as Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined.

Encampment, the lodge having the smallest area under its jurisdiction of any lodge in the state, still has more square miles than Rhode Island.

The grand master closed his address with the following noble sentiment:

In bringing this account of my stewardship to a close, I must express my appreciation of the efforts put forth by the members of the order

to make Masonry in this jurisdiction a worthy successor of those from whom we have received the true light. I may truly say, that in every town in this state in which is located a Masonic lodge, it is invariably found that those who represent the highest type of citizenship, those who are laboring for the greatest good of the community and the uplifting of the moral tone of society, are found to be members of that lodge.

And, my brethren, I pray that it may ever be so, and that the morals and precepts inculcated in our lodges will, through the lives of their members, be a leaven to society, and be the means of bringing about the realization of universal brotherhood in the truest sense. May we ever be known as seekers after the true light—loyal to our government, the protectors of the widow and the orphan, living stones worthy of that temple whose architect is the Most High.

We print two extracts from the report of the grand secretary:

My twenty-third report on correspondence is completed and ready for the printer. I believe its perusal will well repay everyone who takes the time to carefully read it, for I have endeavored as in the past to give some idea of what is going on in other grand jurisdictions in the way of laws, rulings and other matters of interest.

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This closes my twenty-second annual report as your grand secretary. It develops the fact that our increase of 166 in membership, coupled with the formation of three new lodges during the past Masonic year, indicates a degree of prosperity reached but once or twice before in the history of this grand lodge. We are now closing the year's work under happy surrounding conditions. Let us enter upon the new year with renewed zeal and exemplary fidelity to the teachings of the great institution we here represent in grand lodge assembled.

The committee on Masonic home made the following report:

Your committee on Masonic home beg leave to report that the fund accumulated so far amounts to $1,634, which we think is a splendid showing for the first year's work, and we wish to thank the subordinate lodges for their generous response to this worthy cause, and heartily recommend that we continue to collect fifty cents per capita and placed to the credit of the home fund in the hands of the grand treasurer.

The report on correspondence (92 pp.) is by Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, the grand secretary, who gives two pages to a review of our session of 1907. He briefly summarizes the business of the grand lodge and says of Brother Robbins' report on correspondence that:

It is very thorough and contains an immense amount of useful information, for he discusses nearly every question presented in the proceedings of other jurisdictions. Whilst we agree in the main with his arguments generally, we cannot endorse others.

After quoting what Brother Robbins said in favor of the lodge having the right to vote upon the waiver of jurisdiction of a candidate residing within its boundaries, without permission of the grand lodge, he says in reply:

We are now more than ever surprised at our brother's position and with all due respect for his great ability as a reviewer, we can but think

he has allowed his opposition to grand masters handling correspondence between their jurisdictions to warp his judgment to the extent that he loses sight of the fact that ever since he has been a reviewer, and we cannot say how long before, adjoining grand lodges were and have been trying to reach agreements that lodges closer the line of one state could without waiver of jurisdiction accept material permanently residing within the jurisdiction of a lodge in the adjoining state but much further removed from said line and thus do away with continual requests for permission to secure waivers from lodges if possible in such cases. Such agreements exist and have existed in a few cases ever since we have been a reviewer and when we took hold of the reportorial pen grand lodges and grand masters were requiring that before any lodge of their obedience should waive jurisdiction over any material actually residing within the state in favor of a lodge in another state, permission to vote on the question of such waiver should first be obtained from the grand master or grand lodge by said lodge. Evidently the reason for such a requirement is that the sovereignty of the grand lodge extends over every inch of its territory, and it may not want to invite complications with a sister grand lodge through its own act or allow its subordinate lodges without let or hindrance to act in any case that may create friction with a sister grand lodge. We agree perfectly with our brother's "in the nature of things it (waiver) can reside only in a lodge; and it can be rightfully waived only by its possessor." But right there the grand master acting for the grand lodge rightfully steps in and says you cannot vote upon the question of waiver without permission. The grand lodge has the first claim upon all material within its territory and knows when it may be proper or desirable to release such claim and give the lodge a chance to say by its vote whether or not it will waive jurisdiction. Personally, if I had my way very few if any waivers in cases cited would be granted for two reasons. I believe a profane residing in one state if he desires to and is acceptable should become a member of the nearest lodge therein, then he will be in position to regularly attend the meetings of a lodge in an adjoining state, which may be much nearer his residence or he can take a dimit and test the boasted claim that a non-affiliate can make his home anywhere by trying to become a member of said nearest lodge. If accepted therein, all chance of friction will be removed.

To our mind, Brother KUYKENDALL begs the entire question, and exposes the weakness (or complete indefensibilty) of his position in the sentence "the grand lodge has the first claim upon all material within its territory and knows when it may be proper or desirable to release such claim and give the lodge a chance to say by its vote whether or not it will waive jurisdiction."

What becomes of the old doctrine that the brethren of the vicinage are the best judges of local questions, and what would our good brother think of a law which placed the government of a child, primarily in the hands of a grand-parent and gave the parent only a secondary voice or none at all?

MARION P. WHEELER, Casper, grand master: W. L. KUYKENDALL. Saratoga, grand secretary.

STATISTICS.

From the report of Past Grand Master WILLIAM SHERER, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, submitted May 4, 1909:

GENERAL TABLE.

The following table shows the number of members as per last report at hand, and as compared with last prior report:

	1908.	1909.	Gain.
Alabama	19,966	21,222	1,256
Arkansas	18,293	20,035	1,742
Arizona	1,394	1,535	141
California	36,126	38,669	2,543
Colorado	12,226	12,950	724
Connecticut	20,752	21,410	658
Delaware	2,888	2,988	100
District of Columbia	7,999	8,363	364
Florida	7,228	7,958	730
Georgia	28,420	30,056	1,636
Idaho	2,395	2,595	200
Illinois	85,583	90,576	4,993
Indiana	47,353	50,111	2,758
Indian Territory	8,476	9,082	606
Iowa	37,838	39,504	1,666
Kansas	28,764	32,072	3,308
Kentucky	30,600	32,770	2,170
Louisiana	10,584	11,761	1,177
Maine	26,530	27,356	826
Maryland	12,310	12,838	528
Massachusetts		52,260	
Michigan	56,010	58,542	2,532
Minnesota	22,014	22,987	973
Mississippi	14,371	15,738	1,367
Missouri	45,348	47,430	2,082
Montana	4,421	4,690	261
Nebraska	15,728	16,393	665
New York	152,878	158,097	5,219
Nevada	1,241	1,445	204
New Hampshire	9,727	9,877	150
New Jersey	26,595	28,475	1,880
New Mexico	1,629	1,822	193
North Carolina	16,835	18,008	1,173
North Dakota	5,945	6,578	633
Ohio	68,679	72,339	3,660
Oklahoma	7,978		
Oregon	8,085	8,639	554
Pennsylvania	75,273	79,442	4,169
Rhode Island	6,719	6,920	201
South Carolina	10,403	10,802	399
South Dakota	6,675	7,196	521
Texas	41,736	44,714	2,978
Tennessee	20,986	21,879	893
Utah	1,343	1,443	100
Vermont	12,078	12,382	304
Virginia	17,644	18,892	1,248
Washington	10,903	12,237	1,334
West Virginia	11,778	12,814	1,036
Wisconsin	22,974	23,974	1,000
Wyoming	2,102	2,268	166
Alberta	1,627	2,225	598
British Columbia	3,258	3,757	499
Canada, Ontario	39,795	42,422	2,627
New Brunswick	2,482		
Nova Scotia	5,020	5,363	343
Prince Edward Island	668	678	10
Quebec	5,488	5,785	297
Saskatchewan	1,400	2,000	600
Manitoba	3,871	4,248	377
England			
Ireland			
Scotland			
New Zealand	8,500	9,238	738
South Australia	2,934		
Tasmania	3,744		
New South Wales	11,786	12,570	784
Western Australia	3,744	3,878	134
Victoria			
Valle De Mexico	1,196		
Costa Rica	206		
Total	1,239,542	1,339,608	70,767

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LODGE DIRECTORY
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LODGE DIRECTORY.

Showing alphabetical list of Lodges and Postoffice, name of Worshipful Master and Secretary, and time of Stated Meeting.

*And every two weeks thereafter.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	POSTOFFICE.	NAME OF MASTER.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
UD	Aaron	Chicago	Harry L. Lathe	A. C. Metzger	Every Friday night
185	Abingdon	Abingdon	C. L. Rork	A. D. Underwood	First and third Tuesdays of each month
316	Abraham Jonas	Loda	R. O. Hollister	F. L. Butzow	First and third Mondays of each month
518	Abraham Lincoln	Kirkwood	J. F. Kyler	Geo. C. Pape	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
67	Acacia	LaSalle	Elmer Tregay	Thomas Young	First and Third Wednesdays of each month
277	Accordia	Chicago	Ernst Keppler	Wm. Gross	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
529	Adams	Plainville	M. W. Bowker	J. M. Whitcomb	Saturday on or before each full moon
749	Akin	Thompsonville	E. T. Ramey	L. E. Chenault	Saturday on or before each full moon
566	Albany	Albany	Louis Hoobler	M. S. Rosenkraus	Friday on or before each full moon
252	Aledo	Aledo	E. E. Bower	Wm. A. Lorimer	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
702	Alexandria	Alexis	J. R. McCall	E. L. Beal	Friday on or before each full moon
752	Allendale	Allendale	C. E. Gilliatt	W. M Price	Monday on or before each full moon
497	Alma	Steeleville	F. A. Wnorowski	Thos. Robertson	Saturday on or before each full moon
155	Alpha	Galesburg	Chas. Burkhardt	F. S. Johnson	First and third Fridays of each month
748	Alta	Alta	Wm. Chambers	Harry Livingston	Thursday on or before full moon
533	Altamont	Altamont	S. S. Smith	D. F. Piper	Second Saturday of each month
902	Alto	Steward	E. T. Corwin	M. H. Booth	Second and fourth Mondays
840	Alto Pass	Alto Pass	L. E. Holcomb	J. Arthur Gates	Wednesday before full moon
330	Altona	Altona	A. R. Keeler	J. W. McQueen	First and third Mondays of each month
889	America	Chicago	T. G. Kerwin	H. D. Davisson	First and third Saturdays of each month
142	Ames	Sheffield	C. A. Simington	H. B. Knowlton	First and third Tuesdays of each month
472	Amity	West Chicago	H. P. Bartlett	A. H. Hills	First and third Fridays of each month
261	Amon	DeWitt	C. W. Cardiff	J. W. Callison	Tuesday on or before full moon
907	Ancient Craft	Chicago	H. Silverman	Isador Lang	Second and fourth Wednesdays
516	Andalusia	Andalusia	C. J. Seastrand	J. C. Burgoyne	Tuesday on or before full moon
487	Andrew Jackson	Corinth	F. H. Pease	Geo. W. Willard	Saturday on or before full moon
520	Anna	Anna	W. W. Thomas	J. F Williford	Third Tuesday of each month
433	Annawan	Atkinson	F. W. Ole	O. E. Trickle	Friday on or before full moon
127	Antioch	Milburn	H. E. Jamison	Henry Patch	Thursday on or before full moon
676	A. O. Fay	Highland Park	C. L. Harder, Jr	Wm. J. Obee	First and third Thursdays of each month
642	Apollo	Chicago	B. H. Shonkair	Clyde Cadwell	First and third Mondays of each month
859	Apple River	Apple River	N. A. Scott	J. S Lamont	First and third Fridays of each month
717	Arcana	Chicago	T. McManus	C. J. F Scharf	First and third Wednesdays of each month
366	Arcola	Arcola	John A. Wesch	J. E. Jeffers	First Tuesday of each month
871	Argenta	Argenta	S. O. Hilbrant	J. A. Eyman	First Tuesday of each month
354	Ark and Anchor	Auburn	Geo. W. Jones	A. P. Lorton	Friday on or before each full moon
278	Aroma	Waldron	O. L. Day	G. L. Hoke	Wednesday on or before full moon

737	Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	Wm. O. Gilbert	C. T. Cherry	First and third Thursdays of each month
825	Arthur	Arthur	H. P Campbell	C. D. Robinson	Monday on or before each full moon
308	Ashlar	Chicago	J. R. Kline	G. H. Morgan	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
390	Ashmore	Ashmore	J. E. Dudley	W. R. Comstock	Saturday on or before full moon
531	Ashton	Ashton	J. D. Charters	L. J. Sindlinger	Wednesday on or after full moon
100	Astoria	Astoria	A. E. Scott	J. D. Atkinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
793	A. T. Darrah	Victoria	Clark Harrold	J. R. Bedford	First and third Wednesdays of each month
165	Atlanta	Atlanta	J. A. Hammitt	C. C. Sater	First and third Mondays of each month
651	Atwood	Atwood	A. J. Quick	G. Heinzelmann	Saturday on or before full moon
789	Auburn Park	Chicago	G. L. Watson	W. H. Robson	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
254	Aurora	Aurora	Walter Lincott	J. T. Nicol	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
850	Austin	Chicago	G. G. Maclaughlin	R. B. Wilson	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
253	Avon Harmony	Avon	G. A. Tompkins	F. M. Nance	First and third Mondays of each month
145	A. W. Rawson	Pecatonica	E. R. Kidder	A. W. Day	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
572	Bardolph	Bardolph	H. A. Maxwell	Frank Bethel	First Friday of each month
34	Barry	Barry	O. K. Garrett	J. K. Crawford	Saturday on or before full moon
618	Basco	Basco	Albert Naegelin	Wm. H. Damron	Monday on or before full moon
404	Batavia	Batavia	Frank E. Downs	H. P. Stewart	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
771	Bay City	Hamletsburg	C. A Golden	John W. Ivitts	Saturday on or before full moon
784	Beacon Light	Chicago	Fred Johnson	A. C. Firleke	First and third Fridays of each month
665	Beecher City	Beecher City	F. B. Huffman	J. F. Jennings	Friday on or before full moon
909	Bee Hive	Chicago	L. E. Hamburg	O. L. Carson	First and third Mondays
822	Belknap	Belknap	T. J. Hughes	J. R. Evers	Thursday on or before each full moon
U D	Bellflower	Bellflower	J. M. Jordon	W. C. Morgan	First and third Wednesdays
696	Belle Rive	Belle Rive	I. D Hampton	R. D. Cook	Tuesday on or before full moon
60	Belvidere	Belvidere	R R. Brown	R. H. Jukes	First and third Mondays of each month
365	Bement	Bement	T. J Tucker	A. L. Wilkinson	Saturday on or before full moon
52	Benevolent	Meredosia	W. A. Schmitt	Edward Strenter	First and third Tuesdays of each month
818	Ben Hur	Chicago	Fred Johnson	W. W. LeGros	Thursday evening of each week
297	Benjamin	Camp Point	J. Ensminger	Geo. E. Fletcher	First and third Tuesdays of each month
64	Benton	Benton	J. E. Webster	Henry Hudson	First and third Mondays of each month
839	Berwyn	Berwyn	C. J. Becker	Wm. T. Ames	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
406	Bethalto	Bethalto	H. L. Windsor	W. S Elliott	Saturday on or before full moon
881	Bethany	Bethany	H. Hamilton	W. W. Wilkinson	Thursday on or before each full moon
359	Blackberry	Elburn	H. C. Ernanbrack	C. E. Morrell	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
238	Black Hawk	Hamilton	R. S. Gordaon	C. P. Lindsey	First Saturday on or after full moon
393	Blair	Chicago	E. F. Ballard	W. E. Anderson	First, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month
233	Blandinsville	Blandinsville	W. A. Grigsby	W. F. Cunningham	First and third Tuesdays of each month
271	Blaney	Chicago	S. Wm. Polkey	A. F. Andresen	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
458	Blazing Star	Crab Orchard	Geo. W Erwin	A. H. Wilson	Saturday on or after full moon
148	Bloomfield	Chrisman	A. E. Schnitker	A. G. Tucker	Saturday on or before full moon
43	Bloomington	Bloomington	Frank C. Fisher	D. D. Darrah	First and third Thursdays of each month
682	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	A. A. Bauer	J. A. McClure	Saturday on or before full moon
647	Blueville	Edinburg	H. T. Gardner	A. W. Bryce	Thursday on or before full moon
846	Bluffs	Bluffs	James Hamilton	F. C. Funk	First and third Wednesdays of each month
1	Bodley	Quincy	S. O. Pearce	A Morehead	First and third Mondays of each month
412	Bollen	Spring Hill	Silas Waite	J. S. Heller	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
882	Boulevard	Chicago	H. J. Laub	Oscar D. Olson	First and third Thursdays of each month

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486	Bowen	Bowen	C. P. Jacobs	W. T. Gillin	First and third Fridays of each month.
857	Boyd D.	Kirkland	Chas. Olson	H. Willard	First and third Fridays of each month.
514	Bradford	Bradford	E. H. Phenix.	Cyrus Bocock	Thursday on or before full moon
704	Braidwood	Braidwood	A. P. Oswald	J. W. Patterson	First and third Thursdays of each month.
386	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	C. O. Cullison	R. E. Laughlin.	First and third Tuesdays of each month
854	Brighton Park	Chicago.	S. F. Odell.	James Maclaughlan	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
791	Broadlands	Broadlands.	Harry Allen	E. R. Telling	*Saturday after full moon and two weeks later.
451	Bromwell	Assumption	Wm. H. Melhorn	H. C. Travis.	Saturday on or before full moon.
282	Brooklyn	Compton.	F. B. Johnson	J. M. Abell	First and third Wednesdays of each month
634	Buckley	Buckley	Elwin Hull.	J. D. Riggs.	Wednesday on or before full moon.
399	Buda	Buda	T. A. Zuik	B. H. Mosher.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
679	Buffalo Prairie	Buffalo Prairie	B. U. Marquis.	D. C. Vanatta.	Saturday before full moon.
151	Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	E. R. Welch	Geo. H. Baker.	Thursday on or before full moon
112	Bureau	Princeton	Harry L. Parker	A. H. Malm	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
683	Burnside	Burnside	Geo. W. Carlyle	Sam'l Smith.	Saturday on or before full moon
668	Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	G. H. Brown	John J. Haefele.	*Saturday on or before full moon.
274	Byron	Byron.	Jesse M. Heald	Lyman Dexter.	Third Thursday of each month
237	Cairo.	Cairo.	Wm. F. Gibson	Ross C. Bates	Second Monday of each month.
47	Caledonia	Olmsted	F. M. Stringer.	Warren Richey.	Thursday on or before full moon.
792	Calhoun	Hardin	G. H. Wintzen	Wm M. Mortland.	First and third Saturdays of each month.
716	Calumet	Blue Island.	Robert Arens.	D. W. Longacre.	First and third Tuesdays of each month.
440	Camargo	Camargo	W. G. Barcus	Owen Long.	Thursday on or before full moon.
49	Cambridge	Cambridge	Gust Eastland.	O. E. Sanquist	First and third Thursdays of each month.
648	Camden	Camden	Thomas Hester.	E. L. Daly.	Saturday on or before full moon
575	Capron	Capron	A. B Montgomery	J. W. Watterson.	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
904	Carlock.	Mechanicsburg	E. E. Farmer	H. E. Fullenwider.	Thursday on or before full moon.
732	Carman.	Carman.	W. C. Vaughn	G. W. Howell	Saturday on or before full moon.
272	Carmi.	Carmi.	T. H. Land.	D. H. Boyer	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.
900	Carnation	Chicago.	Robert H. Rockwood	Fred P. Sherman	First and third Tuesdays
50	Carrollton	Carrollton.	R. E. Rumrill.	Isaac Canlee	First Monday of each month.
442	Casey	Casey	John W. Dixon	John G. Ewing.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.
23	Cass.	Beardstown	John H. Fagan	F. A. Todd.	First and third Mondays of each month.
285	Catlin.	Catlin.	W. T. Boggess	John W. Boggess.	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
444	Cave in Rock.	Cave in Rock.	C. A. Okerson	V. Frayser	Saturday on or before full moon.
124	Cedar	Morris	M. K. Magner	G. W. Anderson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
747	Centennial	Philo.	Henry Richey	C. F. VanFleck	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
71	Central	Springfield	Geo. B. Weakly	Geo. T. Dutton.	Second Monday of each month.
201	Centralia	Centralia	Richard H. Horn.	D. D. Robertson	First and third Fridays of each month.
600	Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	J. W. Vent	H C. Phillips.	Friday on or before full moon
867	Chadwick.	Chadwick.	F. W. Lugschwerdt	L. M. Clements.	First and third Mondays of each month.
373	Chambersburg.	Chambersburg.	S. J. Hobbs.	F. L. Hobbs	Saturday on or after full moon.
724	Chandlerville	Chandlerville	Albert Amant	J. W. Cherry.	Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

262	Channahon	Channahon	A. A. Merideth	John T. Dixon	Tuesday on or before full moon
719	Chapel Hill	Wolf Creek	N. A. Morris	I. N. Lentz	Saturday on or after full moon
838	Charity	Seaton	L. D. Armstrong	T. R. Wright	Wednesday on or before full moon
35	Charleston	Charleston	O. B. Root	T. T. Shoemaker	First and third Tuesdays of each month
236	Charter Oak	Litchfield	Perley J. Rose	Walter Heath	First and third Thursdays of each month
523	Chatham	Chatham	Wm. H. Whitney	R. M. Foster	Saturday on or before full moon
539	Chatsworth	Chatsworth	D. W. Hitch	John Gingerich	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
429	Chebanse	Chebanse	W. H. Patterson	E. G. Porter	Wednesday on or before full moon
468	Cheney's Grove	Saybrook	T. W. Nixon	John D. Proffitt	First and third Tuesdays of each month
292	Chenoa	Chenoa	A. J. Farley	F. H. Ballinger	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
173	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	H. B. Kezar	N. J. Culver	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
72	Chester	Chester	D. W. Hickey	C. E. Kingsbury	First and third Saturdays of each month
445	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	E. C. Harper	Edwin Hewitt	Monday on or before full moon
437	Chicago	Chicago	S. S. Pollack	Nathan Hefter	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
851	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	W. S. Stowell	J. M. Street	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
603	Clark	Martinsville	Jas. I. Brydon	S. W. McClelland	Thursday on or before full moon
153	Clay	Ashley	O. J. Hagabush	J. H. Peeck	First and third Mondays of each month
488	Clay City	Clay City	C. W. Tolliver	W. H. Graham	Saturday on or before full moon
147	Clayton	Clayton	J. L. Tarbox	John E Hough	First and third Mondays of each month
680	Clement	Colona	O. W. Jacobson	G. J. Jacobson	Tuesday on or before full moon
211	Cleveland	Chicago	Wm. K. Spiece	Wm. D. Watson	First and third Wednesdays of each month
688	Clifton	Clifton	N. T. Stevens	C. B. Sill	Tuesday on or before full moon
19	Clinton	Petersburg	John Boden	J. F. DuBois	Third Monday of each month
466	Cobden	Cobden	H. D. Lawrence	L. A. Lamer	First Thursday of each month
906	Coffeen	Coffeen	John H. Griggs	A. Studebaker	Second Friday of each month
496	Colchester	Colchester	J. E. Shields	W. E. Kratzer	First and third Tuesdays of each month
799	Colfax	Colfax	Wm. Gladdis	D. A. Horney	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
712	Collinsville	Collinsville	Samuel Harrison	W. H. Turner	Tuesday on or before full moon
714	Collison	Collison	D. M. Fowler	F. L. Endicott	Second and fourth Saturdays
474	Columbia	Columbia	G. Schoening	F. W. Weinel	Friday on or before full moon
819	Columbian	Chicago	C. E. Regnas	A. L. Kline	First and third Fridays of each month
227	Columbus	Columbus	J. Y. Lawless	J. A. Lohse	Wednesday on or before full moon
641	Comet	Minier	W. H. Hand	W. W. Peine	Second and fourth Monday of each month
879	Composite	Chicago	Arthur J. Weston	John F. Ferre	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
U D	Concord	Chicago	W F. Moore	F. B. Laramie	First, third and fifth Thursdays of each month.
783	Constantia	Chicago	Fred Giesen	Rud Wendt	First and third Thursdays of each month
892	Constellation	Chicago	Joseph Dutton, Jr.	H. P. Cooke	First and third Wednesdays of each month
489	Cooper	Willow Hill	John Ransdell	L. C. Stewart	Saturday on or before full moon
543	Cordova	Cordova	W. R. Freck	O. C. Handell	Friday on or before full moon
205	Corinthian	Paw Paw	C. F. Preston	A. C. McBride	First and third Fridays of each month
868	Cornell	Cornell	F. L. Gardner	J. I. McVay	First and third Tuesdays of each month
875	Corner Stone	Chicago	L. L. Speelman	Wm. J. McKeen	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
808	Cornland	Cornland	E. R. Jones	C. E. Penneman	Saturday on or before full moon
U D	Cottonwood	Cottonwood	Geo. N. Harris	W. E. McGuire	First and third Fridays of each month
526	Covenant	Chicago	Geo. M. Schmitt	Paul G. Dunn	First and third Fridays of each month
666	Crawford	Eaton	James T. Athey	C. E. Mitchell	*Saturdays on or before full and new moon
817	Creal Springs	Creal Springs	J. L. Whiteside	J. W. Burnett	*Tuesday on or before full moon
895	Crescent	Chicago	Henry Cohen	Thomas A. Potter	Every Wednesday

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320	Creston	Creston	Thomas W. Fanler	A. G. Blanchard	First Monday of each month
763	Crete	Crete	Joseph Johnson	A. T. Kincaid	Third Saturday of each month
534	Cuba	Cuba	Geo M. Heller	S. C. Duffie	Monday on or before full moon
188	Cyrus	Mt. Carroll	John C. Miller	J. M. Landis	First and third Tuesdays of each month
235	Dallas City	Dallas City	A. P. Layton	Will Prescott	Saturday on or before full moon
888	Damascus	Chicago	Geo. Edwards	C. T. Johnson	First and third Fridays of each month
742	Danvers	Danvers	D. E. Mamer	John S. Popple	Thursday on or before full moon
556	Dawson	Dawson	A. E. Stoker	O. P. Mitts	Saturday on or before full moon
643	D. C. Cregier	Chicago	Chas. W. Bastgen	Fred F. Handrup	Wednesday of each week
833	Dean	Ava	John Bennett	Roger Walwark	Saturday on or before full moon
310	Dearborn	Chicago	E. R. Roe	E. G. Tennent	First and third Thursdays of each month
144	DeKalb	DeKalb	C. J. L. Borine	T. W. Manning	First and third Wednesdays of each month
812	DeLand	DeLand	J. H Wood	J. B. Rinehart	Tuesday on or before full moon
156	Delavan	Delavan	Daniel Crabb	L. W. Lawton	Second and fourth Fridaysof each month
525	Delia	Elliottstown	Jas. D. Marshall	T. J. Dunn	Saturday on or before full moon
464	Denver	Denver	W. E. Scott	H W. Shoup	Saturday on or before full moon
287	DeSoto	DeSoto	Marion Kelley	Jas. A Helm	Saturday on or before full moon
890	Des Plaines	Des Plaines	D. F. Webster	C. M. Larson	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
84	DeWitt	Clinton	S. G. Hull	F. C. Hill	Friday on or before full moon
295	Dills	West Point	L. S. Crouch	Chas. E. Kelley	Thursday on or before full moon
581	Dongola	Dongola	J. H. Eddleman	J. E. Poindexter	First and third Thursdays of each month
255	Donnellson	Donnellson	A. M. Sharp	C. C. Mansfield	Tuesday on or before each full moon
319	Doric	Moline	Geo. W. Flood	T. A. Burtchaell	First Thursday of each month
361	Douglas	Mascoutah	Louis J. Scheve	A. Schubkegel	First Saturday of each month
190	Dundee	Dundee	A. J. Winteringham	U. S. Bright	First and third Fridays of each month
321	Dunlap	Morrison	I. D. Woodford	W. E. Leavitt	First and third Mondays of each month
234	DuQuoin	DuQuoin	J W. Hemenway	E. Musselman	Second Thursday of each month
302	Durand	Durand	A. J Randall	Geo. R. Walker	First and third Thursdays of each month
504	East St. Louis	East St. Louis	W. W. Stines	R. A. Paschal	First and third Thursdays of each month
672	Eddyville	Eddyville	E. S Barger	J. M. Maynor	Saturday on or before full moon at 2 p.m
829	Edgar	Hume	John W. Bott	H. L. Morrow	Tuesday on or before full moon
901	Edgewater	Chicago	Fred M. Glennon	Chas. H. Kern	First and third Wednesdays
484	Edgewood	Edgewood	John M. Leib	Samuel Ging	Saturday on or before full moon
164	Edward Dobbins	Lawrenceville	Geo. W. Lackey	Henry A. Clubb	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
99	Edwardsville	Edwardsville	Cyrus A. Geers	T. M. Crossland	First and third Thursdays of each month
149	Effingham	Effingham	Wm. M. Stewart	Mannie L. Elbow	First Friday of each month
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Rockford	Albert R. Davis	F. A. Carson	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
388	El Dara	El Dara	W. F. Reynolds	P. A. Moyer	Saturday on or before full moon
730	Eldorado	Eldorado	Roy Gregg	Chas. Burks	Friday on or before full moon
117	Elgin	Elgin	Willis H. Newton	Thos. B. Rowlands	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
276	Elizabeth	Elizabethtown	R. F. Taylor	Chas. A. Gullett	First and third Thursdays of each month
903	Elkhart	Elkhart	Fred Lauterman	Z. T. Taylor	Third Wednesday of each month

246	El Paso	El Paso	C. F. Curtiss	H. F. Saltsman	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
715	Elvaston	Elvaston	S. A. Symmonds	Hiram Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon
U D	Elwood	Elwood	Bruce T. Harley	Geo. J. W. Eib	Thursday on or before full moon
896	E. M. Husted	Roodhouse	Wm. A. Jolley	W. F. Thompson	Monday on or before full moon of each month
126	Empire	Pekin	R. S Hornish	H. P. Weyhrich	First and third Thursdays of each month
677	Enfield	Enfield	J. B. Odell	W. R. Miller	First and third Fridays of each month
690	Englewood	Chicago	John C. Kane	Alfred Guthrie	Monday of each week
2	Equality	Equality	F. O. Sawyer	Thad McIntire	Wednesday before full moon
878	Equity	Chicago	J. Scott Matthews	Harry C. Kinnie	First and third Saturday of each month
667	Erie	Erie	S. A. Eddy	J. T. Kirkland	Second and fourth Monday of each month
65	Euclid	Naperville	N. J. Wagner	E. C. Shaffer	First and third Tuesdays of each month
69	Eureka	Milan	Clark H. Smith	Frank H. Harris	Friday on or before full moon
524	Evans	Evanston	A. W. Gould	W. J Bristow	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
414	Evening Star	Davis	C. O. R. Stabeck	F. M. Briggs	First and third Fridays of each month
170	Evergreen	Freeport	J M. Brown	W. N. Cronkrite	First and third Mondays of each month
705	Ewing	Ewing	D. G. Fitzgerrell	W. T. Patterson	Saturday on or before full moon
97	Excelsior	Freeport	E. H. Place	Chas. C. Wolf	First and third Fridays of each month
421	Exeter	Exeter	J. R Snively	L. L. Sappington	Thursday on or before full moon
206	Fairfield	Fairfield	H. H. Moore	W. L. Grubb	First and third Mondays of each month
590	Fairmount	Fairmount	W. H. Goodwin	Ransom Bloomer	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
356	Fairview	Fairview	C. D. Suydam	John W. Glacklis	Thursday on or before full moon
601	Farina	Farina	F E. Hewitt	J. R. Dillon	First and third Saturdays of each month
710	Farmer City	Farmer City	A. T Willerton	E. A. Williams	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
232	Farmers	Brookport	H. W. Hollifield	J. K. West	Saturday on or before full moon
192	Farmington	Farmington	A. A. Lucky	W. M. Anderson	Fourth Friday of each month
89	Fellowship	Marion	A. M. Edwards	D. A. Bennett	First Tuesday of each month
152	Fidelity	Medora	O. P. Erwin	Chas. W. Tietsort	Wednesday on or before full moon
842	Fides	West Pullman	Martin Anderson	Walter Holmwood	First and third Thursdays of each month
592	Fieldon	Fieldon	C. W. Brown	E. F. Brown	Saturday on or before full moon
670	Fillmore	Fillmore	V. A. Bost	Jos. P. Ivy	Monday on or before full moon
831	Findlay	Findlay	C. A. Tucker	W. F. Miner	First and third Fridays
585	Fisher	Grove City	N. E. Porter	L. E. Whitesell	Tuesday on or before full moon
204	Flora	Flora	C. E. Hemphill	H. C. Michels	First Wednesday of each month
614	Forrest	Forrest	G. M. Strawn	Wm. Overton	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
567	Frankfort	West Frankfort	N. J. Henson	W. R. Welsh	First and third Thursdays of each month
25	Franklin	Upper Alton	R. J. Richardson	H. T. Burnap	Third Saturday of each month
264	Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	E. P. Harrison	N. A. Whitney	Wednesday on or after full moon
58	Fraternal	Monticello	J. T. Vent	R. I. Tatman	Wednesday on or before full moon
418	Freeburg	Freeburg	E. G. Joseph	Andrew Krauss	Saturday on or before full moon
194	Freedom	Freedom	G. J. Malaise	J. E. Keeler	Saturday on or before full moon
872	Free Will	Oakwood	W. J. Sailor	Jesse Leeka	First and third Saturdays of each month
7	Friendship	Dixon	J. O. Eailey	O. B. Anderson	Thursday on or before full moon
341	Full Moon	Grafton	J. C. Duncan	C. J. Slaten	Saturday on or before full moon
189	Fulton City	Fulton	John Walters	J M. Eaton	Monday on or before full moon
684	Gallatia	Gallatia	John F. Ryan	W. L. Nangle	Saturday on or before full moon
243	Galva	Galva	V. A. Wigren	F. D. Hayes	First and third Tuesdays of each month
141	Garden City	Chicago	John H. Wylie	Geo. H. Vaupell	Tuesday of each week
573	Gardner	Gardner	Walter Ferguson	W. S. Allison	First and third Mondays of each month

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786	Garfield	Chicago	Geo. E. Haley	Jos. A. Painter	First and third Tuesdays of each month
139	Geneva	Geneva	C. A. Lindahl	W. A. Swartz	First and third Tuesdays of each month
288	Genoa	Genoa	C. D. Schoomacher	T. M. Frazier	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
222	Geo. Washington	Chillicothe	J. F. Daily	A. M. Root	First and third Mondays of each month
182	Germania	Chicago	Geo. E. Koehler	John B. Hartke	First and third Thursdays of each month
733	Gibson	Gibson City	J. H. White	P. C. McKay	First and third Mondays of each month
382	Gill	Lynnville	T. R. Doddsworth	G. R Middleton	Tuesday on or before full moon
214	Gillespie	Gillespie	F. E. Schmidt	G. W. Schmidt	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
809	Gilham	Woburn	J. A. Snow	D. R. Elam	Thursday on or before full moon
591	Gilman	Gilman	G. L. Harris	D. W. Miller	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
908	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	D. C. Hibbott	R. F. Cheyne	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
171	Girard	Girard	J. D. Smith	O. B. Metcalf	Monday on or before full moon
131	Golconda	Golconda	J. W. Browning	S. L. Morse	Monday on or before full moon
248	Golden Gate	Prairie City	Jas. A. Rose	Jefferson Louk	First and third Tuesdays of each month
726	Golden Rule	Chicago	F. P. Dean	A. J. Cornell	First and third Wednesdays of each month
617	Good Hope	Good Hope	G. C. James	H. A. Kiser	Thursday on or before full moon
744	Goode	Valier	S. C. D. Rea	Robert Lambert	Saturday on or before full moon
473	Gordon	Pocahontas	Wm. S. Hilbert	D. R. Wilkins	Friday on or before full moon
852	Gothic	East St. Louis	Frank M. Miller	I. H. Todd	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
660	Grand Chain	New Grand Chain	J. M. Jones	J. F. Mackey	Monday on or before full moon
776	Grand Crossing	Chicago	David F. King	L. A. Pierce	Saturday of each week
877	Granite City	Granite City	John W. Costley	Jas. W. Mills	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
129	Greenfield	Greenfield	Ben M. Kincaid	Thornton G. Capps	Friday on or before full moon
125	Greenup	Greenup	J. M. Ozier	Ed Peters	*Thursday on or before full moon
653	Greenview	Greenview	Chas. H. Derry	R. S. Robinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
245	Greenville	Greenville	E. E. Cox	C. K. Denny	First Wednesday of each month
45	Griggsville	Griggsville	John Craven, Jr	John S. Felmley	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
824	Grove	Downer's Grove	N. C. Pearce	John H. Griffiths	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
352	Groveland	Morton	W. R. Lackland	Ed. N. Moschel	Monday on or before full moon
778	Gurney	Grantsburg	A. T. Hazel	Oscar Nelson	Saturday on or before full moon at 2 o'clock p. m.
443	Hampshire	Hampshire	E. T. Crock	Alex Reid	First and third Tuesdays of each month
20	Hancock	Carthage	A. C. Williams	Wm. H. Bartells	Second Monday of each month
905	Hanover	Hanover	Franklin Miller	E. C. Coombs	First and third Fridays of each month
731	Harbor	Chicago	Benj. F. Hedges	G. D. Rosengrant	Wednesday of each week
44	Hardin	Mt. Sterling	John A. Bond	Rexford D'Tompkins	*Saturday on or before full moon
756	Hardinsville	Hardinsville	F. S. Hurlbert	V. G. Kessler	Saturday on or before full moon
3	Harmony	Jacksonville	John S Hackett	Chas. L. Hayden	First and third Mondays of each month
325	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	A. G. Abney	J. W. Richardson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
309	Harvard	Harvard	John C. Deiner	John W. Groesbeck	First and third Mondays of each month
832	Harvey	Harvey	Isaac R. Small	John J. Gard	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
88	Havana	Havana	C. E. Walsh	Adolph Schill	First Monday of each month
580	Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	J. T. Adams	W. E. Harris	First and third Tuesdays of each month

604	Hebron	Hebron	A. J. Cole	Geo. B. Phillips	First and third Wednesdays of each month
820	Henderson	Kenney	Wm. M. Myers	J. Aughenbaugh	Saturday on or before full moon
119	Henry	Henry	C. E. Smith	J. A. Williams	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
669	Herder	Chicago	Felix Von Wyszom	Gustav Schaetz	First and third Mondays of each month
39	Herman	Quincy	Henry C. Mueller	P. J. Schlagenhauf	First and third Tuesdays of each month
356	Hermitage	Albion	Joseph White	Wm. R. Strawn	First and third Mondays of each month
193	Herrick	Pontoosuc	G. A. Starkweather	Dick H. Davis	Saturday on or before full moon
639	Herrin's Prairie	Herrin	A. A. McMurray	I. L Clark	First and third Thursdays of each month
411	Hesperia	Chicago	Frank Strumm	G. R. Walker	Thursday of each week
251	Heyworth	Heyworth	E. E. Bower	Ed. Uhrich	First and third Tuesdays in each month
249	Hibbard	Brighton	John R. Ash	Thomas A. Jones	Second Saturday of each month
583	Highland	Highland	A. P. Mosimann	L. J. Appel	First Thursday of each month
301	Hinckley	Hinckley	L. E. Davis	A. P. Prince	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
837	Hindsboro	Hindsboro	Chas. W. Mitchell	J. C. Dugan	Wednesday on or before full moon
508	Home	Chicago	Geo. Ephgrave	H. H. Blake	Friday of each week
199	Homer	Homer	Geo. Astell	A. O. Elliott	Tuesday on or before full moon
886	Hooppole	Hooppole	Carl Lorenzen	Chas. Groves	Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
162	Hope	Sparta	Samuel G. Stahlfeld	Wm. P. Askins	Friday on or before full moon
622	Hopedale	Hopedale	H. Jennings	R. C. Richards	First and third Thursdays of each month
366	Horeb	Elmwood	C. A. Vance	H. L. Kelly	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
244	Horicon	Rochelle	Geo. E. Moore	Walter D. Pickle	First and third Tuesdays of each month
910	Hull	Hull	Geo. W. Lawrence	Jacob H. Maher	Thursday on or after full moon
555	Humboldt	Ottawa	Oscar Formhals	Fred A. Gerding	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
813	Humboldt Park	Chicago	Lewis A. Brinkman	John C. Groetzinger	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
465	Huntsville	Huntsville	John G. Melvin	C. C. Beckerdite	Saturday on or before full moon
136	Hutsonville	Hutsonville	C. C. Pearce	B. O. McNutt	Monday on or before full and new moon
698	Hutton	Diona	Carson Lawyer	H. G. Devinney	Saturday on or before full moon
263	Illinois	Peoria	A. J. Zimmerman	I. M. Hornbacker	Fourth Tuesday of each month
178	Illinois Central	Amboy	Chas. T. Smith	V. B. Andruss	First and third Mondays of each month
521	Illiopolis	Illiopolis	N. C. Roberts	L. D. Barnum	Thursday on or before full moon
327	Industry	Industry	W. C. McKamy	H. A. Hoffman	Thursday on or before full moon
691	Iola	Iola	C. V. Cruse	Arthur White	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
312	Ionic	Decatur	Albert R. Howser	A. T. Summers	Second Monday of each month
213	Ipava	Ipava	B. S. Diehl	S. M. Kinsey	Saturday on or before full moon
455	Irving	Irving	C. B McKinney	Wm. Marks	Monday on or before full moon
53	Jackson	Shelbyville	Wm. Taylor	W. S. Amlin	Wednesday on or before full moon
U D	Jackson Park	Chicago	Adam Schmidt	John C. House	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
570	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	R. C. Singley	E. L. Kinney	First and third Thursdays of each month
510	John D. Moody	Iuka	J. A. Hindman	Henry A. Hinderer	Friday on or before full moon
368	Jefferson	Opdyke	G. S. Brown	M. V. B. Montgomery	Wednesday on or before full moon
460	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	W. E. Morgan	F. M. Sprague	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month
394	Jerseyville	Jerseyville	C. W. Johns	J. G. Erwin	Monday on or before full moon
90	Jerusalem T'mple	Aurora	H. D. Hamper	E. Homer Cooley	First and third Tuesdays of each month
318	J. L. Anderson	Augusta	H. N. Holmes	John D. Hess	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
278	Jo Daviess	Warren	B. W. Hicks	John H. Thornton	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
880	John B. Sherman	Chicago	W. J. Freckelton, Jr.	Samuel Barron	Tuesday of each week
713	Johnsonville	Johnsonville	F. M. Turner	F. M. Galbraith	First and third Saturdays of each month
111	Jonesboro	Jonesboro	W. A. Rendleman	Edw. Lee	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month

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706	Joppa	Cowden	R. H. Frizzell	Chas. E. Zeigler	First and third Wednesdays of each month
537	J. R. Gorin	Sadorus	D. J. Holtermann	E. E. Craw	Saturday on or before full moon
389	Kankakee	Kankakee	F. M. Lockwood	Chas. F. Whitmore	First and third Tuesdays of each month
280	Kansas	Kansas	N. Fitzpatrick	J. E. Hite	*Wednesday on or before full moon
86	Kaskaskia	Ellis Grove	Wm. M. Schuwerk	Geo. N. Sauer	First Saturday after first quarter of each moon.
36	Kavanaugh	Elizabeth	Edward A. Laign	W. J. Dovey	Saturday on or before full moon
340	Kedron	Mt. Auburn	J. M. Wiswell	W. G. Armstrong	Wednesday on or before full moon
471	Kendall	Yorkville	R. D. Chappell	Jas. A. Goddard	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
430	Kendrick	Timewell	Lee F. Norton	W. H. McPhail	Saturday on or before full moon
804	Kensington	Chicago	Robert Gaghie	H. A. Wray	Saturday of each week
800	Kenwood	Chicago	A. E. Dutton	Arthur J. Raney	Monday of each week
159	Kewanee	Kewanee	L. L. Priestman	J. M. Thrasher	First and third Fridays of each month
639	Keystone	Chicago	Samuel Levin	Peter E. Stevens	First and third Wednesdays of each month
311	Kilwinning	Chicago	A. S. Groshon	J. W. McGaffey	First and third Thursdays of each month
353	Kinderhook	Kinderhook	A. C. Bancroft	F. A. Longnecker	Wednesday on or before full moon
855	King Oscar	Chicago	H. E. Lindblade	Nels J. Johnson	First and third Fridays of each month
197	King Solomon's	Kane	N. H. Close	T. F. Williams	Saturday before full moon
266	Kingston	Fairweather	L. M. Morrison	E. F. Kelly	Saturday on or before full moon
398	Kinmundy	Kinmundy	J. W. Doolan	C. S. Neil	First and third Tuesdays in each month
402	Kishwaukee	Kingston	F. W. Stark	A. W. Saxaner	Thursday on or before full moon
896	Kosmos	Chicago	John C. Higgins	R. E. Baker	Every Friday of each month
61	Lacon	Lacon	L. T. Wood	R. H. Maxwell	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
657	La Fayette	Grand Tower	C. D. Gardiner	L. M. Crow	Thursday on or before full moon
770	La Grange	La Grange	H. C. Knively	Norton L. Rowler	First and third Tuesdays of each month
195	LaHarpe	La Harpe	Geo. E. Campbell	E. I. Soule	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
729	Lake Creek	Johnston City	Marshall Ozment	Gordon Pillow	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
739	Lakeside	Chicago	J. W. Leverenz	J. Meek Finley	Second and fourth Wednesdays in each month
774	Lake View	Chicago	Chas. A. Rohde	Geo. H. Frizzell	First and third Tuesdays of each month
659	Lambert	Quincy	W. E. White	Charles E. Lane	First and third Thursdays of each month
383	La Moille	La Moille	Chas. B. Stauffer	Edw. J. Welsch	*Friday on or before full moon
423	Lanark	Lanark	J. R. Snively	E. M. Tallman	First and third Thursdays of each month
106	Lancaster	Glasford	Al. Fahnestock	J. I. Maple	Friday on or before full moon
422	Landmark	Chicago	John H. Riddle	John Hosbury	Friday of each week
267	La Prairie	Golden	E. E. Wolfe	Seneca Selby	First and third Monday of each month
853	Latham	Latham	D. F. Joynt	M. M. Vaughn	Saturday on or before full moon
203	Lavely	Williamsville	S. J. McKinsey	W. R. Brittin	Saturday on or after full moon
815	Lawn	Chicago	F. R McCune	J. R. Hayden	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
415	Lawn Ridge	Speer	Grant Burdick	Wm. Gray	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Lebanon	Lebanon	E. P. Baker	Louis Zerweck	Tuesday on or before full moon
146	Lee Center	Lee Center	F. M. Blowers	A. Aschenbrenner	Friday on or before full moon
558	Leland	Leland	Al. A. Clapsaddle	Wm. Julian	First and third Wednesdays of each month
174	Lena	Lena	D. M. McGraff	Geo. B. Boeke	Wednesday on or before full moon

788	Lerna	Lerna	H. B. Vanatta	W. H. Williams	Saturday on or before full moon
221	Leroy	Leroy	E. D. Riddle	W. E. LaFollette	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
557	Lessing	Chicago	H. W. Huttman	Alex Lampe	First and third Tuesdays in each month
270	Levi Lusk	Arlington	Samuel P. Prescott	R B. VanLaw..	Wednesday on or before full moon
104	Lewistown	Lewistown	Grier Hanson	Conrad W. Belts	Friday on or before full moon
482	Lexington	Lexington	Chas. E. Lawrence	R. L. Heydaker	First and third Thursdays of each month
380	Liberty	Liberty	Guy Tourney	A. H. D. Buttz	Thurs. on or before full moon, and 2 weeks after
492	Libertyville	Libertyville	Thomas Russell	Chas. F. Smale, Jr.	Second and fourth Saturdays in each month
135	Lima	Lima	V. A. Bolt	W. Bolt	Wednesday on or before full moon
611	Lincoln Park	Chicago	O. A. Kropf	Claude Lee Griggs	First and third Fridays of each month
517	Litchfield	Litchfield	W. D. Lipe	Thos. C. Morris	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
766	Littleton	Littleton	P. M. Powell	L. L. Horney	Saturday on or before full moon
371	Livingston	Dwight	Wm. J. Drew	Frank W. Ford	First and third Mondays of each month
450	Loami	Loami	H. W. Colburn	C. S. Park	Wednesday on or before full moon
538	Lockport	Lockport	L. C. Orrell	M. P. Johnson	First and third Thursdays of each month
623	Locust	Owaneco	Wm. Crawford	J. T. Brandon	Saturday on or before full moon
210	Logan	Lincoln	Albert Brown	Alfred V. Purinton	First and third Tuesdays of each month
891	Logan Square	Chicago	W. A. Beile	Wm. H. Hadam	First and third Wednesdays of each month
848	London	London Mills	Samuel Way	C. M. Newport	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
552	Long Point	Long Point	B. F. Colehouer	J. C. Huetson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
893	Loraine	Loraine	Jas. O. Wade	Nathaniel Alters	Wednesday on or before full moon
870	Lostant	Lostant	R. W. Phillips	W. M. Griffith	First and third Thursdays of each month
196	Louisville	Louisville	A. N. Tolliver	John B. Carmicheal	Thursday on or before full moon
751	Lounsbury	Barrington	E. F. Wichman	A. T. Ulitsch	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
228	Lovington	Lovington	L. G. Hostetler	G. W. Bryant	Saturday on or before full moon
750	Lyndon	Lyndon	P. C. Riley	A. P. Holt	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
132	Mackinaw	Mackinaw	J. E. Argo	M. A. Stout	Saturday on or before full moon
17	Macomb	Macomb	S. P. Odemveller	W. E. Dudman	First Friday of each month
8	Macon	Decatur	H. C. Bush	Wm. A. Dixon	First Friday of each month
560	Madison	New Douglas	Oscar Latowsky	Henry Scharf	Friday on or before full moon
103	Magnolia	Magnolia	Perry Dakin	S. B. Mitchell	First and third Saturdays of each month
220	Mahomet	Mahomet	F. O. Jahr	F. E. Bryan	Monday on or before full moon
434	Makanda	Makanda	George Granger	R. A. Parkinson	Thursday on or before full moon
229	Manchester	Manchester	S. R. Loar	E. L. Maine	Tuesday on or before full moon
476	Manito	Manito	J. A. McComas	Otto Hilst	First Wednesday of each month
773	Mansfield	Mansfield	J. V. Champion	Chas. Slater	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
530	Maquon	Maquon	Leven W. Benson	Chas. F. Maple	First and third Wednesdays of each month
114	Marcelline	Marcelline	B. F. Bryant	N. B. Fletcher	Saturday on or before full moon
138	Marengo	Marengo	J. F. Carlson	C. J. Coarson	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
355	Marine	Marine	Wesley Stone	O. H. Gehrs	Wednesday on or before full moon
130	Marion	Marion	Joe M. Morrow	L. O. Vogt	First and third Wednesdays of each month
881	Marissa	Marissa	W. C. Stewart	F. J. Wagner	Saturday on or before full moon
454	Maroa	Maroa	C. J. Spooner	James H. Sterling	First Tuesday of each month
417	Marseilles	Marseilles	R. L. Ankeny	Cyrus H. Makeever	First and third Tuesdays of each month
133	Marshall	Marshall	J. R. Burnett	F. H. Gorham	Wednesday on or before full moon
491	Martin	East Dubuque	M. J. Platt	J. S. Branstetter	First Saturday of each month
845	Martinton	Martinton	S. I. Vanderpoorten	W. E. Albright	First and third Thursdays of each month
217	Mason	Mason	E. W. Ruffner	L. M. Hardin	Wednesday on or before full moon

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403	Mason City	Mason City	J. F. Rissinger	J. F. Culp	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
175	Matteson	Joliet	Lawrence Dobson	Jno. B. Fithian	First and third Tuesdays of each month.
260	Mattoon	Mattoon	Geo. N. Todd	James E. Binns	First and third Mondays of each month
718	May	Norris City	Ira Shain	A. H. Beltz	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
664	Mayo	Winterrowd	J. S. Clagg	Jas. A. McCorkle	Saturday on or before full moon
869	Maywood	Maywood	A. H. Mussing	Murray E. Brigham	First and third Tuesdays of each month
826	Mazon	Mazon	Geo. P. Thomas	W. C. Bradford	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
158	McHenry	McHenry	W. F. Gallaher	Wm. Spencer	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
469	McLean	Worley G. Smith	H. N. Boshell	Geo. T. Ield	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
811	Melvin	Melvin	Jacob Funk	A. D. Nutt	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
449	Mendon	Mendon	Oscar P Harris	E. A. Walker	Saturday on or before full moon
176	Mendota	Mendota	Geo. S. Wiley	D. L. Barnard	Second Tuesday of each month
183	Meridian	Earlville	E. F. Gates	F. E. Sheaff	First and third Wednesdays of each month
505	Meridian Sun	Holcomb	W. H. Whitson	A. L. Stinson	Saturday on or before full moon
283	Meteor	Sandwich	John M. Biocourt	E. G. Whyers, Jr.	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
91	Metropolis	Metropolis	N. E. Murray	Luke Nettleton	First Monday of each month
860	Metropolitan	Chicago	A. C. Blythe	A. M. Blythe	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
595	Miles Hart	Gays	Chas. M Slife	Sanford P. Archer	Wednesday on or before full moon
168	Milford	Milford	John C. Eastabrooks	Ray O. Wolfe	First and third Thursdays of each month
345	Milledgeville	Milledgeville	C. Clemmous	Geo. Stephenson	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
275	Milton	Milton	Sam'l J. Hughlett	Forrest H Turner	Saturday before each full moon
273	Miners	Galena	Albert Heap	J. W. Gwynne	First and third Fridays of each month
528	Minooka	Minooka	Ward A. Bristol	De Witt C. Smith	First and third Thursdays of each month
385	Mississippi	Savanna	Elvis Bartle	A. R Dry	First and third Thursdays of each month
85	Mitchell	Pinckneyville	Chicago	Fred Knopp	Second Monday of each month
410	Mithra	Chicago	Charles Oestreich	J. E Russell	First and third Wednesdays of each month
768	Mizpah	Chicago	L. M. Russell	F. E. Lane	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
481	Momence	Momence	J. M. Eyler	Willard H. Seeley	First and third Tuesdays of each month
522	Monitor	Elgin	E. F. Prideaux	D. D. Dunkle	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
37	Monmouth	Monmouth	E. A. Laign	Stanton E. Kilts	First and third Thursdays of each month
734	Morning Star	Canton	J. B. Svmpson	C. H. Koenigsmark	First and third Tuesdays of each month
787	Morris	Waterloo	J. C. Fults	A. L. Stocks	Fourth Saturday of each month
681	Morrisonville	Morrisonville	G. M Wilson	W. M. Shaw	Thursday on or before full moon
122	Mound	Taylorville	J. N. Miller	Chas. E Colbert	First Tuesday of each month
180	Moweaqua	Moweaqua	John L. Klump	P. F. Hoierman	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
656	Mozart	Bloomington	Wm. Fey	Wm. P. Orland	Second Tuesday of each month
239	Mt. Carmel	Mt. Carmel	Wm A. Standfield	Paul Campbell	First and third Tuesdays of each month
331	Mt. Erie	Mt. Erie	J. Brinker	Fred E. Whallon	First and third Saturdays of each month
42	Mt. Joliet	Joliet	J. W. Brockway	J. E. Potter	First and third Fridays of each month
51	Mt. Moriah	Hillsboro	R. E. Gifford	S. W. David	First and third Thursdays of each month
76	Mt. Nebo	Carlinville	C. H. Woods	C. M. Silkey	First and third Thursdays of each month
87	Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	H. W. Schafer		Saturday on or before full moon

31	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Geo. W. Davis	Joe B. Baugh	First and third Mondays of each month
396	Muddy Point	Trilla	L. F. Seals	W. H. Brimberry	Tuesday on or before full moon
498	Murphysboro	Murphysboro	S. Henrichs	Ezra B. P lett	Monday on or before full moon
432	Murrayville	Murrayville	C. C. Self	Edw. Bradley	Thursday on or before full moon
795	Myrtle	Chicago	Harry W Boos	Martin Allexan	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
758	Mystic Star	Chicago	M. D. Taylor	Frank M Bishop	First and third Thursdays of each month
187	Mystic Tie	Polo	Wm. T. Schell, Jr.	Abraham Wright	First and third Thursdays of each month
346	N. D. Morse	Concord	V. I. Ball	L. C. Cooper	Monday on or before full moon
806	Nebo	Nebo	Arch Wall	D. A. Birchard	Thursday on or after full moon
279	Neoga	Neoga	W. R. Whitney	J. D. Wilson	Thursday on or before full moon
803	Neponset	Neponset	Chas. S Russell	Geo. W. Whaples	First and third Thursdays of each month
59	New Boston	New Boston	E. R Willits	H. O. Bauer	*Saturday before full moon
772	New Burnside	New Burnside	R. W. Alsbrook	Orlin A. Wise	Saturday on or before full moon
821	New Canton	New Canton	W. H. Foster	J. R. Easley	Saturday on or before full moon of each month
336	New Columbia	New Columbia	J. T. Fitch	Joel McClanahan	Saturday on or before full moon
453	New Hartford	New Hartford	G. H. Ellis	Grant Billings	Saturday on or before full moon
230	New Haven	New Haven	J. H. Graddy	W. W. Wood	First and third Wednesdays of each month
741	New Holland	New Holland	James Ryan	W. C. Paine	Friday on or before full moon
620	New Hope	Livingston	J. G. Snyder	Frank H. Patton	Saturday on or before full moon
369	Newman	Newman	J. W. Hannus	C. E. Douglass	*Saturday on or before full moon
218	New Salem	New Salem	Harry E Preble	W. R. Hooper	Saturday on or before full moon
216	Newton	Newton	E. W. Hersh	H. D Yelvington	Saturday on or before full moon
874	Nifong	Modesto	C R VanWinkle	W. A. Solomon	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
362	Noble	Noble	James Smith	J. W. Brown	Thursday on or before full moon
456	Nokomis	Nokomis	J. H. Weinstein	J. L. Manning	Wednesday on or before full moon
673	Normal	Normal	Frank Phillips	Geo. Champion	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
797	Normal Park	Chicago	Oliver M. Zeis	Chas. W. Hibbard	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
631	Norton	Cabery	John Walsmith	R. C. Breneisa	First and third Thurdays of each month
169	Nunda	Nunda	W. W Roberts	Walter B. Fitch	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
219	Oakland	Oakland	F. C. Winkler	M. J. Naphew	Friday on or before full moon
540	Oak Park	Oak Park	S. B. Harvey	Daniel D. Brown	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
644	Oblong City	Oblong	Jas. G. Brown	Zach Wirt	Saturday on or before new and full moons
40	Occidental	Ottawa	W. S. Speckman	Chas. E. Pettit	First and third Mondays of each month
392	Oconee	Oconee	J. W. Heckethorn	L. C. Littlejohn	Wednesday on or before full moon
401	Odell	Odell	J. T. Tambaugh	W. H. Blanchard	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
503	Odin	Odin	C. E. Sloan	P. A. Brod	First and third Tuesdays of each month
576	O'Fallon	O'Fallon	A. B Gordon	H. E. Fischer	Tuesday on or before full moon
754	Ogden	Ogden	Abner Silkey	Jos. C. Freeman	Saturday on or before full moon
897	Ogden Park	Chicago	John A. Anderson	John Watterson	Monday of each week
814	Ohio	Ohio	H. A. Jackson	A. P. Mitchell	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
506	O. H. Miner	Iroquois	N. S. Pearce	John Fry	First and third Saturdays of each month
38	Olive Branch	Danville	Wm. Y. Ludwig	Jas. P. Sutton	First and third Tuesdays of each month
140	Olney	Olney	A. T. Telford	J. E. Gathart	Third Monday of each month
864	Olympia	Chicago	Wm. P. Preble	Chas. P. Manwaring	Tuesday of each week
723	Omaha	Omaha	H. P. Blackard	R. S. Bryant	Wednesday on or before full moon
305	Onarga	Onarga	Ira W. Furley	Cyrus B. Brewer	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
337	Oneida	Oneida	H. J. Sawyer	J. H. Anderson	First and third Fridays of each month
123	Oquawka	Oquawka	N. P. Martin	A. F. Fawley	Wednesday on or before full moon

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687	Orangeville	Orangeville	Wm. A. Musser	Geo. I. Cadwell	First and third Thursdays of each month
420	Oregon	Oregon	John Nugent	F. G. Taylor	Wednesday on or before full moon
759	Orel	Wayne City	Wm. A. Newman	W. W. Reid	First and third Wednesdays of each month
323	Orient	Lisbon	N. A. Hague	Jay E. Moore	First and third Saturdays of each month
33	Oriental	Chicago	J. S. Warren	Charles Catlin	First and third Fridays of each month
358	Orion	Union	A. J. Holmes	P. A. Renie	First and third Wednesdays of each month
367	Oxford	New Windsor	F. A. Gibson	Wm. H. Veeder	Tuesday on or before full moon
66	Pacific	Knoxville	R. O. Jackson	Wm. S. Heagy	First and third Thursdays of each month
765	Palace	Pullman	Henry Denhard	Emanuel T. Adams	Thursday of each week
314	Palatine	Palatine	H H. Pahlman	C. DeWitt Taylor	First and third Saturdays of each month
849	Palestine	Palestine	J. M. Foreman	J. S. Thompson	Saturday on or before full moon
463	Palmyra	Palmyra	C. S. Mahan	T. J. Young	First and fourth Mondays of each month
226	Pana	Pana	Chas. E. Barnett	Louis W. Paul	First and third Thursdays of each month
268	Paris	Paris	M. J. Gallaher	Edwin E. Lodge	First Thursday of each month
509	Parkersburg	Parkersburg	Bert R. Talley	Harvey L. Parker	Saturday on or before full moon
843	Park	Chicago	Harry D. Irwin	Harry Hammond	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
899	Park Manor	Chicago	John H. Helwig	John F. Stewart	Saturday of each week
613	Patoka	Patoka	J. S. Hudspeth	J. I. Buss	First and third Mondays of each month
675	Pawnee	Pawnee	George E. Galyen	Chas. W. Kessler	Saturday on or before full moon
416	Paxton	Paxton	H. B. Henderson	J. D. Schwimmer	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
379	Payson	Payson	Jacob Hinkle	Z. V. McNutt	*Tuesday on or before full moon
823	Pearl	Pearl City	G. W. Dow	C. G. Robinson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
29	Pekin	Pekin	Charles Zoeller	F. W. Soady	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
15	Peoria	Peoria	John F. Johnson	W. J. Steube	Last Monday of each month
636	Peotone	Peotone	Wm. E. Imholz	J. J. McMahon	First and third Thursdays of each month
574	Pera	Ludlow	Ernest Hamilton	Chas. W. Dawson	First, third, and fifth Saturdays of each month.
95	Perry	Perry	C. T. Beattie	J. B. Gregory	Saturday on or before full moon
436	Philo	Port Byron	Wm. E. Filbert	A. G. Brewster	Wednesday on or before full moon
27	Piasa	Alton	L. Caywood	Wm. G. Weston	First Tuesday of each month
608	Piper	Piper City	J. F. Kalser	Earl Stedman	First and third Thursdays of each month
790	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Roy D. Plattner	Paul F. Grote	Second Monday of each month
536	Plainfield	Plainfield	Charles M. Reeves	J. P. Browne	First and third Tuesdays of each month
461	Plainview	Plainview	W. J. Donohue	T. H. Taylor	Saturday on or before full moon
565	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	W. A. Windmiller	F. S. Berry	Saturday on or before full moon
700	Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	W. H. Dorand	W. S. Hensley	Wednesday on or before full moon
478	Pleiades	Chicago	Alfred Johnson	Henry G. Underwood	Thursday of each week
554	Plum River	Stockton	A M. Smith	R. A. Oliver	Thursday on or before full moon
286	Plymouth	Plymouth	R. L. Cloud	W. S. Romick	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
137	Polk	McLeansboro	O. J. Davis	I. M. Asbury	First and third Thursdays of each month.
294	Pontiac	Pontiac	J C. Greenbaum	G. E. Warren	First and third Thursdays of each month
782	Potomac	Potomac	John F. Payne	A. Sperry	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
77	Prairie	Paris	Jos. B. Gamron	Geo. W. Brown	First Tuesday of each month

578	Prairie City	Montrose	G. H. White	C. S. Printz	Saturday on or before full moon
755	Pre-emption	Pre-emption	S. S. Johnson	H. H. Tomlinson	Friday on or before full moon
587	Princeton	Princeton	James L. Norman	Theo. P. Streeter	First and third Tuesdays of each month
360	Princeville	Princeville	A. H. Sloan	J. F. Carman	Tuesday on or before full moon
293	Prophetstown	Prophetstown	S. R. Chapin	John H Fee	First and third Saturdays of each month
711	Providence	Chicago	Robert Schmook	P. L. Gerlicher	First and third Saturdays of each month
887	Pyramid	Chicago	W. B. Nolan	L. Wm. Kroh	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
296	Quincy	Quincy	F. W. Chumbley	T. J. Mackoy	First and third Fridays of each month
128	Raleigh	Raleigh	W. T. Cable	R. C. Burnett	Saturday on or before full moon
405	Ramsey	Ramsey	E. Bonney	Chas. W. Shutt	Tuesday on or before full moon
725	Rankin	Rankin	H. J. Bauers	C. E. Groves	First and third Mondays of each month
470	Rantoul	Rantoul	H M. Morris	F. M. Avey	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
727	Raritan	Raritan	J. E. Wells	F. I. Wells	First and third Tuesdays of each month
303	Raven	Oswego	Charles Roberts	Thomas B. Drew	First and third Saturdays of each month
777	Ravenswood	Chicago	Emil J. Merki	Geo. N. Ackley	Second and fourth Mondays in each month
692	Raymond	Raymond	J. E. McDavid	J. C. Terry	First and third Tuesdays of each month
427	Red Bud	Red Bud	J J. Fox	Fred D. Guker, Jr	Saturday on or before full moon
U D	Republic	Chicago	W. O. Peterson	E. L. Kreamer	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
419	Reynoldsburg	Tunnel Hill	H. C. McCoy	Thos. H. Taylor	Wednesday on or before full moon
687	Richard Cole	Chicago	C. A. Ehrenswerth	H. T. McClure	First, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month.
143	Richmond	Richmond	A. M. Gibbs	Gustav Muller	First and third Mondays of each month
632	Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	Frank M. Hole	H. G. Barker	First and third Saturdays of each month
816	Ridgway	Ridgway	L. C. Trousdale	W. B. Barnum	Thursday on or before full moon
685	Rio	Rio	E. J. Tye	C. E. Frankenburgh	Wednesday on or before full moon
115	Rising Sun	Grays Lake	W. H. Peter	C. J. Wightman	First and third Saturdays of each month
862	Riverside	Riverside	A. T. Anderson	Frank W. Frisbie	First and third Thursdays of each month
786	Riverton Union	Riverton	John Morland	H. H. Grubb	Thursday on or before full moon
113	Robert Burns	Keithsburg	A. R. Wycoff	J. H. Madden	Friday on or before full moon
250	Robinson	Robinson	F. E. Lathrop	Geo. D. McCarty	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
247	Rob Morris	Minonk	H. A. Millard	J. T. Denson	First and third Wednesdays of each month
635	Rochester	Rochester	John D. Hunter	H. R. Lakin	Wedensday on or before full moon
102	Rockford	Rockford	Richard F. Locke	M. McFadyen	First and third Thursdays of each month
658	Rock Island	Rock Island	O. W. Schwenker	Holland S. Bollman	First Friday of each month
830	Rockport	Rockport	Chas. E. Miller	B. B. Horton	First and third Fridays of each month
612	Rock River	Sterling	Wm. J. Burleigh	John W. Niles	First and third Fridays of each month
74	Rockton	Rockton	A. V. Hill	S. P. Jenison	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
721	Rome	Dix	J. R. Walker	W. H. Michael	First and third Tuesdays of each month
75	Roscoe	Roscoe	C. A. Ransom	Ernest H. Wilson	Tuesday on or before full moon
519	Roseville	Roseville	Chas. T. Carr	W H. Carr	First and third Fridays of each month
527	Rossville	Rossville	J. S. Christman	I. A. Smothers	First and third Saturdays of each month
807	Royal	Macedonia	J. M. Boster	C. D. Kern	Saturday on or before full moon
9	Rushville	Rushville	T. E. Botterberg	Geo. R. Glossop	Tuesday on or before full moon
154	Russell	Georgetown	D. H. Bowen	Otis Henderson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
348	Russellville	Flat Rock	Wm. McClure	D. C. Bristow	Wednesday on or before full moon
477	Rutland	Rutland	H. S. Baer	C. L. Foucht	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
339	Saline	Goreville	Henry Terry	Robert Jenkins	Saturday on or before full moon
96	Sam'l H. Davis	Mt. Morris	O. F. Marshall	J. G. Miller	First and third Mondays of each month
801	Sangamon	Fisher	A. H. Sperling	Jas. M. Ballew	First and third Mondays of each month

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645	San Jose	San Jose	J. F. Fryer	Geo. B. Wiemer	First and third Thursdays of each month
738	Saunemin	Saunemin	C. F. Ross	A. Cording	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
335	Schiller	Peoria	Godfry Wys	Diedrich Janssen	Last Friday of each month
79	Scott	Carlyle	F. A. Lietz	Elmer Sadler	First Monday of each month
743	Scottland	Scottland	J. L. Dawson	J. Frank Jennings	First and third Saturdays of each month
426	Scottville	Scottville	J. B. Ogg	J. R. Harding	Saturday on or before full moon
447	S. D Monroe	Birds	E. H. Mills	L. E. Emmons	Friday on or before full moon of each month
532	Seneca	Seneca	Wm. A. Graves	R. L. Wiley	First and third Fridays of each month
U D	Sesser	Sesser	Geo. W. Harris	C. B. Lewis	Friday on or after full moon
827	Sequoit	Antioch	Frank B. Huber	Geo. B. Bartlett	First and third Wednesdays of each month
374	Shabbona	Shabbona	M. Bloomingdale	Wm. Husk	*Tuesday on or before full moon
490	Shannon	Shannon	Henry W. Miller	Chas A. Shore	First and third Mondays of each month
550	Sharon	Tiskilwa	Chas. R. Condit	Aaron B. Blake	First and third Fridays of each month
200	Sheba	Grayville	W. O. Pope	John V. Turpen	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
241	Shekinah	Carbondale	Jas. O. Gentry	Wm. S. Hill	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
609	Sheldon	Sheldon	C. H. Cristenson	F. S. Willard	First and third Tuesdays of each month
735	Sheridan	Sheridan	H. M. Powers	Chas. D. Hill	Monday on or before full moon
535	Sherman	Orion	G. H. Wayne	E. H. Tamme	Wednesday on or before full moon
397	Shiloh	Troy Grove	Ira Gift	Otto Schempp	Thursday on or before full moon
695	Shiloh Hill	Campbell Hill	M. L. Lipscomb	Syl. E. Montroy	Saturday on or before full moon
212	Shipman	Shipman	Chas. W. Bullman	C. H. Davies	Saturday on or before full moon
582	Shirley	Shirley	A. N. Williams	Chas. W. Hutchison	Saturday on or before full moon
761	Sibley	Sibley	H. D. Young	Otto Henrichs	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
798	Sidell	Sidell	O. N. Owen	J. A. Seybold	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
347	Sidney	Sidney	John E. Raymond	Jos. M. Lawson	Thursday on or before full moon
780	Siloam	Chicago	Ira J. McDowell	Edward H. Cass	First and third Fridays of each month
898	Silvis	Silvis	D. Z. Allsbrow	Walter G. Baker	First and third Mondays of each month
805	S. M. Dalzell	Spring Valley	J. W. McIntire	J. W. Collings	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
646	Somonauk	Somonauk	J. C. Seaton	H. F. Hess	First and third Mondays of each month
861	Sorento	Sorento	T. W. Klnger	Jas. E. Long	Monday on or before full moon
467	South Macon	Macon	E. O. Willoughby	O. N. Walker	Tuesday on or before full moon
662	South Park	Chicago	W. O. Nance	L. A. Harkness	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
441	Sparland	Sparland	T. Van Antwerp	John Van Antwerp	First and third Wednesdays of each month
4	Springfield	Springfield	L. M. Myers	Geo. C. Wilkinson	First Monday of each month
873	Standard	Chicago	E. C. Tillotson	John W. Johnson	First, third and fifth Saturdays of each month
863	St. Andrews	Chicago	R. A. Sempill	Albert Davis	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
709	Star	Hoopeston	J. H. Bishop	C. I. Westfall	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
166	Star in the East	Rockford	Wm. E. Jaycox	John C. Winana	First and third Fridays of each month
501	Stark	LaFayette	Abel H. White	Thomas W. Rose	Saturday on or before full moon
177	Staunton	Staunton	J. W. Donaldson	Cornelius Godfrey	*Tuesday on or before full moon
865	St. Cecelia	Chicago	R. B. Prendergast	Wm. Emmet Dennis	First and third Tuesdays of each month
24	St. Clair	Belleville	W. A. Hough	Louis E. Wangelin	First Monday of each month

769	St. Elmo	St. Elmo	J. R. Morrison	LaMont Sayler	First Tuesday of each month
U D	Stellar	St. Francesville	Jno. Gillespie	W. S. Willhite	First and third Fridays
541	Stewardson	Stewardson	J. B. Singer	A. C. Mantz	Wednesday on or before full moon
92	Stewart	Geneseo	Jos. Hobbs	Bernhard Lacher	Second Friday of each month
13	St. Johns	Peru	W. D. Dobson	H. N. Hackman	First and third Thursdays of each month
63	St. Marks	Woodstock	E. J. Heimerdinger	W. T. Wheeler	First and third Tuesdays of each month
495	Stone Fort	Stone Fort	J. H. Blackman	J. A. Deaton	Saturday on or before full moon
500	St. Paul	Springfield	George Taylor, Jr.	Jay T. French	Fourth Monday of each month
408	Stratton	Vermilion	Oliver Souder	A. O. Raines	Saturday on or before full moon
607	Streator	Streator	E. M. Griggs	Harry L. Manly	First, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month
847	Stronghurst	Stronghurst	Geo. F. Chant	E. E. Taylor	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
349	Sublette	Sublette	B. H. S. Angear	A. F. Jewell	Tuesday on or before full moon
764	Sullivan	Sullivan	H. C. Shirey	Arthur I. Key	Wednesday on or before full moon
342	Summerfield	Summerfield	Chas. T. Lang	G. H. Poos	Wednesday on or before full moon
431	Summit	Harristown	G. B. Fyke	Frank Howsman	Saturday on or before full moon
334	Sumner	Sumner	Geo. R. Stout	Frank Westfall	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
428	Sunbeam	Plano	D. M. Baird	J. W. Long	First and third Wednesdays of each month
134	Sycamore	Sycamore	A. Hammerschmidt	H. B. Mason	Third Friday of each month
794	Tadmor	Karber's Ridge	J. W. Pyle	Jas. H. Shipp	Wednesday on or before full moon
207	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	A. L. Linn	L. E. Johnson	Friday on or before full moon
351	Tarbolton	Fairbury	John F. Gondy	Jno. Zimmerman	First and third Thursdays of each month
98	Taylor	Washington	L. J. Kern	John Watson	Third Friday of each month
16	Temperance	Vandalia	Wm. H. West	Ira D. Lakin	Third Monday of each month
46	Temple	Peoria	W. H. Coleman	Albert L. Gregory	Last Wednesday of each month
701	Temple Hill	Temple Hill	R. C. Green	N. H Johnson	Saturday on or after full moon
409	Thos. J. Turner	Chicago	A. H. Buege	Wm. Tinsley	First and third Thursdays of each month
559	Thomson	Thomson	A. P. Atherton	C. A. Nason	*First and third Tuesdays of each month
569	Time	Time	C. E. Bagby	Walter S. Klein	Saturday before full moon
317	T. J. Pickett	Bushnell	Geo. D. Bell	J. Garrottson	First Friday of each month
834	Toledo	Toledo	Tracy C Conner	Levi B. Ross	First and third Mondays of each month
391	Tolono	Tolono	J. P. Crawford	Byron Burns	First and third Tuesdays of each month
364	Tonica	Tonica	Ray Richardson	Geo. A. McFerson	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
93	Toulon	Toulon	W. E. Nixon	Robert Fell	Fourth Thursday in each month
542	Towanda	Towanda	Harry E. Tilbury	R. C. Vanneman	*Friday on or before full moon
493	Tower Hill	Tower Hill	K. K. White	E. E. White	Tuesday on or before full moon
810	Tracy	Chicago	John J. Bickel	H. F. Shaner	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
462	Tremont	Tremont	R. L. Smith	Daniel Johnson	Tuesday on or before full moon
109	Trenton	Trenton	J. S. Anderson	A M Leonnard	First and third Fridays of each month
767	Triluminar	Chicago	J. W. Swope	Edward T. Webster	Friday of each week
562	Trinity	Mound City	C. H Schuler	Elmer P. Easterday	Thurs. on or before full moon and 2 wks. later
57	Trio	Rock Island	Jacob W. Houder	Wm. B. Pettit	First Thursday of each month
835	Triple	Venice	Jas. Kerr	H. L. Snell	First and third Saturdays of each month
588	Troy	Troy	H. A. Canedy	Aug. Droll	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
630	Tuscan	Walpole	John W. McGhee	L. Smith	Thursday on or before full moon
332	Tuscola	Tuscola	C. G. Stovall	W. H. Allison	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
333	Tyrian	Springfield	Jas. L. Taylor	Sam'l H. Claspill	Third Monday of each month
627	Union	Lick Creek	Wm. J. Damron	A. P. Gallegy	Saturday on or before full moon
610	Union Park	Chicago	Jason R. Lewis	John G. Snyder	Monday of each week

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48	Unity	St. Charles	L. C. Caldwell	G. N. Lamb	First and third Mondays of each month
157	Urbana	Urbana	Benjamin Bing	Chas. F. Loeb	First and third Tuesdays of each month
858	Utica	Utica	J. F. Blakeslee	J. S. Geen	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
894	Utopia	Chicago	H. T. Sprague	S. B. Gourley	First, third and fifth Fridays of each month
547	Valley	Coal Valley	Thomas L. Bedford	Thomas R. Lees	Friday on or before full moon
762	VanMeter	Cantrall	Joseph Johnson	A. T. Cincaid	Saturday on or before full moon
265	Vermilion	Indianola	Al. B Dickson	V. W. Gorman	First and third Saturdays of each month
116	Vermont	Vermont	Charles Jenkins	Ross Mercer	Saturday on or after full moon
757	Verona	Verona	C. C. Fenn	W. A. Small	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
108	Versailles	Versailles	H. T. Williams	E. S. Klinefelter	Saturday on or before full moon
584	Vesper	Galesburg	Eric A. Johnson	A. G. Stromgren	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
150	Vienna	Vienna	T. E. Gillespie	R. A. Hundley, Jr.	Tuesday on or before full moon
885	Villa Grove	Villa Grove	D. F. Richman	T. D. Hanson	First and third Tuesdays of each month
577	Viola	Viola	F. D. Sexton	W. T. Bailey	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
161	Virden	Virden	B. C. Carr	L. B. Becker	Wednesday on or before full moon
544	Virginia	Virginia	R. E. Simmons	Elijah Needham	First and third Fridays of each month
81	Vitruvius	Wheeling	Adamn Melzer	Guy W. French	Saturday on or before full moon
179	Wabash	Etna	E. Chamberlain	A. G. Apperson	Friday on or before full moon
512	Wade-Barney	Bloomington	F. L. Muhl	N. B. Carson	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
616	Wadley	Franklin	Burley Jones	Chas. E. Darling	First and third Wednesdays of each month
674	Waldeck	Chicago	Philip Weicker	August Soeldner	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
722	Walnut	Walnut	O. Baechler	I. M. White	First and third Wednesdays of each month
475	Walshville	Walshville	John W. Fowell	W. E. Cannon	*Thursday on or before full moon
384	Waltham	Waltham	J. C. Brown	Wm. N. Mitchell	Monday on or before full moon
14	Warren	Shawneetown	R. B. Hooker	J. W. Millspaugh	Tuesday on or before full moon
257	Warsaw	Warsaw	Jno. B. Worthen	M. T. Hunt	Tuesday on or before full moon
421	Washburn	Washburn	Chas. H. Ireland	Geo. H. Wineteer	Second and fourth Fridays of each month
55	Washington	Nashville	L. T. Phillips	Myron D. Smith	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
291	Wataga	Wataga	C. W. Palmer	C. W. Merrill	First and third Wednesdays of each month
728	Waterman	Waterman	W. T. Wiltberger	Glenn W. Bradbury	First and third Thursdays of each month
446	Watseka	Watseka	James O. Bailey	Thos. B. Brennan	First and third Wednesdays of each month
602	Watson	Watson	J. F. Henderson	J. W. Cloar	Saturday on or before full moon
160	Waubansia	Chicago	P. G. Stahlfield	Henry E. Van Loon	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
298	Wauconda	Wauconda	G. D. Stoker	R. C. Kent	First and third Thursdays of each month
78	Waukegan	Waukegan	L. A. Hendee	J. R. Brewster	First and third Mondays of each month
118	Waverly	Waverly	N. B. Rohrer	W. A. Jones	First and third Fridays of each month
172	Wayne	Waynesville	I. J. Atchison	Fred Dix	Saturday on or before full moon
UD	Welcome	Chicago	H. W. Modlin	F. W. Frost	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
746	Weldon	Weldon	C. C. Lisonby	Wm. J. Schwehm	Thursday on or before full moon
344	Wenona	Wenona	F. M. Moulton	T. D. Judd	First and third Tuesdays of each month
240	Western Star	Champaign	Frank M. Brown	O. F. Miller	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
856	West Gate	Hamburg	C. R. Wood	James R. Vaughan	First and third Tuesdays of each month

866	West Salem	West Salem	S. R Skinner	Stuart F. Walser	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
269	Wheaton	Wheaton	A L. Perrottel	R. O. Ott	First and third Wednesdays of each month
883	Wheeler	Wheeler	Wm. C. Harned	Philip Mason	Monday on or before full moon
80	White Hall	White Hall	J. H. Winters	H. H. Griswold	Thursday on or before full moon
802	Williamson	Carterville	Wm. B. Miller	Jno. A. Musgrave	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
208	Wilmington	Wilmington	John C. Whitmar	A. S. Hadsol	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
105	Winchester	Winchester	R. M. Riggs	C. A. Sibert	Monday on or before full moon
322	Windsor	Windsor	R. W. Turner	Geo. E. Dunscomb	Tuesday on or before full moon
836	Windsor Park	Chicago	R. B. Gillies	David G. Stobo	Every Monday
745	Winnebago	Winnebago	F. J. Waterstreet	C M. Cary	First and third Thursdays of each month
564	Winslow	Winslow	W. G. Tyler	G. H. Lloyd	Monday on or before full moon
219	Wm. B. Warren	Chicago	G. R. Lundy	Daniel S O'Connell	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month
306	William Hobbs	Eureka	J. L. Krause	E. W. Dickinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
876	Wm. McKinley	Chicago	Wm. F. Bazner	Wm. H. Constantine	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
502	Woodhull	Woodhull	F. W. Overstreet	Amos A. Mackey	Friday on or before full moon
841	Woodlawn Park	Chicago	F. D. Reed	P. H. Bishop	Second and fourth Mondays of each month
779	Wright's Grove	Chicago	A. J. Nelson	W. O. Dicus	First and third Thursdays of each month
231	Wyanet	Wyanet	H. A. Gramer	Jno. C. Olds	Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
479	Wyoming	Wyoming	Geo. W. Scott	A. W. King	Thursday on or before full moon
485	Xenia	Xenia	A. S. Jessop	T. S. McConnell	Thursday on or before full moon
448	Yates City	Yates City	O B. West	T. J. Kightlinger	Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
313	York	West Union	T. W. Richards	W. D. Poorman	Tuesday on or before full moon
655	Yorktown	Yorktown	T. A. Curnon	J. H. Cain	Second and fourth Saturdays of each month

Alphabetical List of Postoffices.

GIVING NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE LOCATED AT EACH.

POSTOFFICE.	NAME.	NO.	CHARTERED.
Abingdon	Abingdon	185	Oct. 3, 1855
Albany	Albany	566	Oct. 1, 1867
Albion	Hermitage	356	Oct. 3, 1860
Aledo	Aledo	252	Oct. 7, 1857
Alexis	Alexandria	702	Oct. 8, 1873
Allendale	Allendale	752	Oct. 4, 1877
Alta	Alta	748	Oct. 3, 1876
Altamont	Altamont	533	Oct. 1, 1867
Alton	Piasa	27	Oct. 9, 1844
Altona	Altona	330	Oct. 3, 1860
Alto Pass	Alto Pass	840	Oct. 2, 1895
Amboy	Illinois Central	178	Oct. 3, 1855
Andalusia	Andalusia	516	Oct. 1, 1867
Anna	Anna	520	Oct. 1, 1867
Antioch	Sequoit	827	Oct. 4, 1893
Apple River	Apple River	859	Oct. 1, 1901
Arcola	Arcola	366	Oct. 1, 1861
Argenta	Argenta	871	Oct. 7, 1903
Arlington	Levi Lusk	270	Oct. 6, 1858
Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	737	Oct. 3, 1876
Arthur	Arthur	825	Oct. 4, 1893
Ashley	Clay	153	Oct. 3, 1854
Ashmore	Ashmore	390	Oct. 5, 1863
Ashton	Ashton	531	Oct. 1, 1867
Assumption	Bromwell	451	Oct. 4, 1865
Astoria	Astoria	100	Oct. 6, 1851
Athens	Van Meter	762	Oct. 4, 1882
Atkinson	Annawan	433	Oct. 4, 1865
Atlanta	Atlanta	165	Oct. 3, 1854
Atwood	Atwood	651	Oct, 4, 1870
Auburn	Ark & Anchor	354	Oct. 3, 1860
Augusta	J. L. Anderson	318	Oct. 5, 1859
Aurora	Jerusalem Temp.	90	Oct. 8, 1850
Aurora	Aurora	254	Oct. 7, 1857
Austin	Austin	850	Oct. 6, 1897
Ava	Dean	833	Oct. 3, 1894
Avon	Avon Harmony	253	Oct. 7, 1857
Bardolph	Bardolph	572	Oct. 1, 1867
Barrington	Lounsbury	751	Oct. 4, 1877
Barry	Barry	34	Oct. 8, 1845
Basco	Basco	618	Oct. 5, 1869
Batavia	Batavia	404	Oct. 5, 1864
Beardstown	Cass	23	Oct. 4, 1843
Beecher City	Beecher City	665	Oct. 3, 1871
Bellflower	Bellflower	911	Oct. 13, 1909
Belknap	Belknap	822	Oct. 5, 1892
Belle Rive	Belle Rive	696	Oct. 1, 1872
Belleville	St. Clair	24	Dec. 14, 1843
Belvidere	Belvidere	60	Oct. 4, 1848
Bement	Bement	365	Oct. 1, 1861
Benton	Benton	64	Oct. 5, 1848
Birds	S. D. Monroe	447	Oct. 4, 1865
Berwyn	Berwyn	839	Oct. 2, 1895
Bethalto	Bethalto	406	Oct. 5, 1864
Bethany	Bethany	884	Oct. 3, 1906
Blandinsville	Blandinsville	233	Oct. 7, 1857
Bloomington	Bloomington	43	Oct. 6, 1847
Bloomington	Wade-Barney	512	Oct. 3, 1866
Bloomington	Mozart	656	Oct. 4, 1870
Blue Island	Calumet	716	Oct. 7, 1874
Blue Mound	Blue Mound	682	Oct. 3, 1871
Bluffs	Bluffs	846	Oct. 6, 1896
Bowen	Bowen	486	Oct. 3, 1866
Bradford	Bradford	514	Oct. 1, 1867
Braidwood	Braidwood	704	Oct. 8, 1873
Bridgeport	Bridgeport	386	Oct. 8, 1863
Brighton	Hibbard	249	Oct. 7, 1857
Broadlands	Broadlands	791	Oct. 3, 1889

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Brookport	Farmers	232	Oct. 7, 1857
Buckley	Buckley	634	Oct. 5, 1869
Buda	Buda	399	Oct. 5, 1864
Buffalo Prairie	Buffalo Prairie	679	Oct. 3, 1871
BunkerHill	Bunker Hill	151	Oct. 3, 1854
Burnside	Burnside	683	Oct. 1, 1872
Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	668	Oct. 3, 1871
Bushnell	T. J. Pickett	307	Oct. 5, 1859
Byron	Byron	274	Oct. 6, 1858
Cabery	Norton	631	Oct. 5, 1869
Cairo	Cairo	237	Oct. 7, 1857
Camargo	Camargo	440	Oct. 4, 1865
Cambridge	Cambridge	49	Oct. 5, 1847
Camden	Camden	648	Oct. 4, 1870
Camp Point	Benjamin	297	Oct. 5, 1859
Campbell Hill	Shiloh Hill	695	Oct. 1, 1872
Canton	Morning Star	734	Oct. 5, 1875
Capron	Capron	575	Oct. 6, 1868
Carbondale	Shekinah	241	Oct. 7, 1857
Carlinville	Mt. Nebo	76	Dec. 4, 1849
Carlyle	Scott	79	Dec. 10, 1849
Carman	Carman	732	Oct. 5, 1875
Carmi	Carmi	272	Oct. 6, 1858
Carrollton	Carrollton	50	Oct. 5, 1847
Carterville	Williamson	802	Oct. 6, 1891
Carthage	Hancock	20	Oct. 3, 1843
Casey	Casey	442	Oct. 4, 1865
Catlin	Catlin	285	Oct. 7, 1858
Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock	444	Oct. 4, 1865
Centralia	Centralia	201	Oct. 7, 1856
Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	600	Oct. 6, 1868
Chadwick	Chadwick	867	Oct. 8, 1902
Chambersburg	Chambersburg	373	Oct. 8, 1862
Champaign	Western Star	240	Oct. 7, 1857
Chandlerville	Chandlerville	724	Oct. 7, 1874
Channahon	Channahon	262	Oct. 6, 1858
Charleston	Charleston	35	Oct. 8, 1845
Chatham	Chatham	523	Oct. 1, 1867
Chatsworth	Chatsworth	539	Oct. 1, 1867
Chebanse	Chebanse	429	Oct. 4, 1865
Chenoa	Chenoa	292	Oct. 5, 1859
Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	173	Oct. 3, 1855
Chester	Chester	72	Oct. 4, 1849
Chesterfield	Chesterfield	445	Oct. 4, 1865
Chicago	Aaron	913	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Accordia	277	Oct. 6, 1858
Chicago	America	889	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Ancient Craft	907	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Apollo	642	Oct. 4, 1870
Chicago	Arcana	717	Oct. 7, 1874
Chicago	Ashlar	308	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago (Auburn Park)	Auburn Park	789	Oct. 3, 1889
Chicago	Bee Hive	909	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Ben Hur	818	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Blair	393	Oct. 8, 1863
Chicago	Blaney	271	Oct. 6, 1858
Chicago (Bright'n P'rk)	Brighton Park	854	Oct. 5, 1898
Chicago	Boulevard	882	Oct. 4, 1905
Chicago	Carnation	900	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Chicago	437	Oct. 4, 1865
Chicago	Cleveland	211	Oct. 7, 1856
Chicago (Lawndale)	Columbian	819	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Composite	879	Oct. 3, 1905
Chicago	Concord	917	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Constantia	783	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	Constellation	892	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Cornerstone	875	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago	Crescent	895	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Covenant	526	Oct. 1, 1867
Chicago	Damascus	888	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	D. C. Cregier	643	Oct. 4, 1870
Chicago	Dearborn	310	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago	Edgewater	901	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago (Englewood)	Englewood	690	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Equity	878	Oct. 3, 1905
Chicago (West Pullman)	Fides	842	Oct. 2, 1895
Chicago	Garden City	141	Oct. 2, 1854
Chicago	Garfield	686	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Gil. W. Barnard	908	Oct. 7, 1908
Chicago	Germania	182	Oct. 3, 1855
Chicago	Golden Rule	726	Oct. 7, 1874
Chicago (G'nd Crossing)	Grand Crossing	776	Oct. 7, 1886

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Chicago (So. Chicago)	Harbor	731	Oct. 5, 1875
Chicago	Herder	669	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Hesperia	411	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago	Home	508	Oct. 3, 1866
Chicago	Humboldt Park	813	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago Jackson Park	Jackson Park	915	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	John B. Sherman	880	Oct. 4, 1905
Chicago (Kensington)	Kensington	804	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago	Kenwood	800	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago	Keystone	639	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Kilwinning	311	Oct. 5, 1859
Chicago	King Oscar	855	Oct. 5, 1898
Chicago	Kosmos	896	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Lakeside	739	Oct. 3, 1876
Chicago	Lake View	774	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago	Landmark	422	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago (Chicago Lawn)	Lawn	815	Oct. 5, 1892
Chicago	Lessing	557	Oct. 1, 1867
Chicago	Lincoln Park	611	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Logan Square	891	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago	Metropolitan	860	Oct. 1, 1901
Chicago	Mithra	410	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago	Mizpah	768	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago (Irving Park)	Myrtle	795	Oct. 8, 1890
Chicago	Mystic Star	758	Oct. 3, 1878
Chicago (Englewood)	Normal Park	797	Oct. 8, 1890
Chicago (Norwood Park)	Beacon Light	784	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	Ogden Park	897	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Olympia	864	Oct. 8, 1903
Chicago	Oriental	33	Oct. 9, 1845
Chicago (Pullman)	Palace	765	Oct. 3, 1883
Chicago (Rodgers Park)	Park	843	Oct. 6, 1896
Chicago	Park Manor	899	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Pleiades	478	Oct. 3, 1866
Chicago (Jefferson)	Providence	711	Oct. 8, 1873
Chicago	Pyramid	887	Oct. 3, 1906
Chicago (Ravenswood)	Ravenswood	777	Oct. 7, 1886
Chicago	Republic	914	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Richard Cole	697	Oct. 1, 1872
Chicago	Siloam	780	Oct. 6, 1887
Chicago	South Park	662	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Standard	873	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago	St. Andrews	863	Oct. 8, 1902
Chicago	St. Cecilia	865	Oct. 8, 1902
Chicago	Thos. J. Turner	409	Oct. 5, 1864
Chicago (Tracy)	Tracy	810	Oct. 6, 1891
Chicago (So. Chicago)	Triluminar	767	Oct. 8, 1884
Chicago	Union Park	610	Oct. 5, 1869
Chicago	Utopia	894	Oct. 2, 1907
Chicago	Waldeck	674	Oct. 3, 1871
Chicago	Waubansia	160	Oct. 3, 1855
Chicago	Welcome	916	Oct. 13, 1909
Chicago	Wm. McKinley	876	Oct. 4, 1904
Chicago (Windsor Park)	Windsor Park	836	Oct. 3, 1894
Chicago	Wm. B. Warren	209	Oct. 7, 1856
Chicago (Woodlawn Pk)	Woodlawn Park	841	Oct. 2, 1895
Chicago (Wright's Gro.)	Wright's Grove	779	Oct. 7, 1886
Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	851	Oct. 6, 1897
Chillicothe	Geo. Washington	222	Oct. 7, 1856
Chrisman	Bloomfield	148	Oct. 2, 1854
Clay City	Clay City	488	Oct. 3, 1866
Clayton	Clayton	147	Oct. 2, 1854
Clifton	Clifton	688	Oct. 1, 1872
Clinton	DeWitt	84	Oct. 8, 1850
Coal Valley	Valley	547	Oct. 1, 1867
Cobden	Cobden	466	Oct. 3, 1866
Coffeen	Coffeen	906	Oct. 7, 1908
Cohn	New Hope	620	Oct. 5, 1869
Colchester	Colchester	496	Oct. 3, 1866
Colfax	Colfax	799	May 14, 1891
Collinsville	Collinsville	712	Oct. 8, 1873
Collison	Colleson	714	Oct. 7, 1874
Colono	Clement	680	Oct. 3, 1871
Columbia	Columbia	474	Oct. 3, 1866
Columbus	Columbus	227	Oct. 7, 1857
Compton	Brooklyn	282	Oct. 6, 1858
Concord	N. D. Morse	346	Oct. 3, 1860

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Cordova	Cordova	543	Oct. 1, 1867
Corinth	Andrew Jackson	487	Oct. 3, 1866
Cornell	Cornell	868	Oct. 7, 1903
Cornland	Cornland	808	Oct. 6, 1891
Cowden	Joppa	706	Oct. 8, 1873
Crab Orchard	Blazing Star	458	Oct. 4, 1865
Creal Springs	Creal Springs	817	Oct. 5, 1892
Creston	Creston	320	Oct. 5, 1859
Crete	Crete	763	Oct. 4, 1882
Cuba	Cuba	534	Oct. 1, 1867
Dallas City	Dallas City	235	Oct. 7, 1857
Danvers	Danvers	742	Oct. 3, 1876
Danville	Olive Branch	38	Oct. 6, 1846
Davis	Evening Star	4 4	Oct. 5, 1864
Dawson	Dawson	5 6	Oct. 1, 1857
Decatur	Macon	8	Oct. 5, 1841
Decatur	Ionic	2	Oct. 5, 1859
De Kalb	De Kalb	144	Oct. 2, 1854
De Land	De Land	812	Oct. 5, 1892
Delavan	Delavan	156	Oct. 2, 1854
Denver	Denver	464	Oct. 3, 1866
De Soto	De Soto	287	Oct. 7, 1858
Des Plaines	Des Plaines	890	Oct. 3, 1906
De Witt	Amon	261	Oct. 6, 1858
Diona	Hutton	698	Oct. 1, 1872
Dix	Rome	721	Oct. 7, 1874
Dixon	Friendship	7	Oct. 6, 1841
Dongola	Dongola	581	Oct. 6, 1868
Donnelson	Donnelson	255	Oct. 6, 1858
Downers Grove	Grove	824	Oct. 4, 1893
Dundee	Dundee	190	Oct. 6, 1856
Du Quoin	Du Quoin	234	Oct. 7, 1857
Durand	Durand	302	Oct. 5, 1859
Dwight	Livingston	371	Oct. 1, 1861
Earlville	Meridian	183	Oct. 3, 1855
East Dubuque	Martin	491	Oct. 3, 1866
East St. Louis	East St. Louis	504	Oct. 3, 1866
East St. Louis	Gothic	852	Oct. 6, 1897
Eaton	Crawford	666	Oct. 3, 1871
Eddyville	Eddyville	672	Oct 3, 1871
Edgewood	Edgewood	484	Oct. 3, 1866
Edinburg	Blueville	647	Oct. 4, 1870
Edwardsville	Edwardsville	99	Oct. 6, 1851
Effingham	Effingham	149	Oct. 2, 1854
Elburn	Blackberry	359	Oct. 3, 1860
El Dara	El Dara	388	Oct. 8, 1863
Eldorado	Eldorado	730	Oct. 5, 1875
Elgin	Elgin	117	Oct. 4, 1852
Elgin	Monitor	522	Oct. 1, 1867
Elkhart	Elkhart	903	Oct. 7, 1908
Elizabeth	Kavanaugh	36	Oct. 6, 1846
Elizabethtown	Elizabeth	276	Oct. 10, 1858
Elliottstown	Delia	525	Oct. 1, 1867
Elmwood	Horeb	363	Oct. 1, 1861
El Paso	El Paso	246	Oct. 7, 1857
Elvaston	Elvaston	715	Oct. 7, 1874
Enfield	Enfield	677	Oct. 3, 1871
Equality	Equality	2	Aug. , 1837
Erie	Erie	667	Oct. 3, 1871
Etna	Wabash	179	Oct. 2, 1855
Eureka	W. C. Hobbs	306	Oct. 5, 1859
Evanston	Evans	524	Oct. 1, 1867
Evansville	Kaskaskia	86	Oct. 8, 1850
Ewing	Ewing	705	Oct. 8, 1873
Exeter	Exeter	424	Oct. 4, 1865
Fairbury	Tarbolton	351	Oct. 3, 1860
Fairfield	Fairfield	206	Oct. 7, 1856
Fairmount	Fairmount	590	Oct. 6, 1868
Fairview	Fairview	350	Oct. 3, 1860
Fairweather	Kingston	266	Oct. 6, 1858
Farina	Farina	601	Oct. 6, 1868
Farmer City	Farmer City	710	Oct. 8, 1873
Farmington	Farmington	192	Oct. 6, 1856
Fieldon	Fieldon	592	Oct. 6, 1868
Fillmore	Fillmore	670	Oct. 3, 1871
Findlay	Findlay	831	Oct. 4, 1893
Fisher	Sangamon	801	Oct. 6, 1891
Flat Rock	Russellville	348	Oct. 3, 1860
Flora	Flora	204	Oct. 7, 1856
Forrest	Forrest	614	Oct. 5, 1869
Franklin	Wadley	616	Oct. 5, 1869
Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	264	Oct. 6, 1858
Freeburg	Freeburg	418	Oct. 5, 1864
Freedom	Freedom	194	Oct. 6, 1856

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Freeport	Excelsior	97	Oct. 6, 1851
Freeport	Evergreen	170	Oct. 3, 1855
Fulton	Fulton City	189	Oct. 6, 1856
Galena	Miners	273	Oct. 6, 1858
Galesburg	Alpha	155	Oct. 2, 1854
Galesburg	Vesper	584	Oct. 6, 1868
Gallatia	Gallatia	684	Oct. 1, 1872
Galva	Galva	243	Oct. 7, 1857
Ganntown	New Columbia	336	Oct. 3, 1860
Gays	Miles Hart	595	Oct. 6, 1868
Gardner	Gardner	573	Oct. 6, 1868
Geneseo	Stewart	92	Oct. 8, 1850
Geneva	Geneva	139	Oct. 2, 1854
Genoa	Genoa	288	Oct. 7, 1858
Georgetown	Russell	154	Oct. 2, 1854
Gibson City	Gibson	733	Oct. 5, 1875
Gillespie	Gillespie	214	Oct. 7, 1856
Gilman	Gilman	591	Oct. 6, 1868
Girard	Girard	171	Oct. 3, 1855
Glasford	Lancaster	106	Oct. 6, 1851
Golconda	Golconda	131	Oct. 4, 1853
Golden	LaPrairie	267	Oct. 6, 1858
Good Hope	Good Hope	617	Oct. 5, 1869
Goreville	Saline	339	Oct. 3, 1860
Grafton	Full Moon	341	Oct. 3, 1860
Grand Chain	Grand Chain	660	Oct. 4, 1870
Grand Tower	Lafayette	657	Oct. 4, 1870
Granite City	Granite City	877	Oct. 4, 1904
Gray's Lake	Rising Sun	115	Oct. 4, 1852
Grayville	Sheba	200	Oct. 7, 1856
Greenfield	Greenfield	129	Oct. 3, 1853
Greenup	Greenup	125	Oct. 3, 1853
Greenview	Greenview	653	Oct. 4, 1870
Greenville	Greenville	245	Oct. 7, 1857
Griggsville	Griggsville	45	Oct. 5, 1847
Grove City	Fisher	585	Oct. 6, 1868
Grantsburg	Gurney	778	Oct. 7, 1886
Hagewish	Pyramid	887	
Hamburg	West Gate	856	Oct. 4, 1899
Hamilton	Black Hawk	238	Oct. 7 1857
Hamletsburg	Bay City	771	Oct. 8, 1884
Hampshire	Hampshire	443	Oct. 4, 1865
Hanover	Hanover	905	Oct. 7, 1908
Hardinsville	Hardinsville	756	Oct. 3, 1878
Hardin	Calhoun	792	Oct. 3, 1889
Harrisburg	Harrisburg	325	Oct. 5, 1859
Harristown	Summit	431	Oct. 4, 1865
Harvard	Harvard	309	Oct. 5, 1859
Harvey	Harvey	832	Oct. 3, 1894
Hull	Hull	910	Oct. 7, 1908
Havana	Havana	88	Oct. 8, 1850
Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	580	Oct. 6, 1868
Hebron	Hebron	604	Oct. 6, 1868
Henry	Henry	119	Oct. 4, 1852
Herrin	Herrin's Prairie	693	Oct. 1, 1872
Heyworth	Heyworth	251	Oct. 7, 1857
Highland	Highland	583	Oct. 6, 1868
Highland Park	A. O. Fay	676	Oct. 3, 1871
Hillsboro	Mt. Moriah	51	Oct. 4, 1848
Hinckley	Hinckley	301	Oct. 5, 1859
Hindsboro	Hindsboro	837	Oct. 4, 1894
Holcomb	Meridian Sun	505	Oct. 3, 1866
Homer	Homer	199	Oct. 7, 1856
Hoopeston	Star	709	Oct. 8, 1873
Hooppole	Hooppole	886	Oct. 3, 1906
Hopedale	Hopedale	622	Oct. 5, 1869
Hume	Edgar	829	Oct. 4, 1893
Huntsville	Huntsville	465	Oct. 3, 1866
Hutsonville	Hutsonville	136	Oct. 5 1853
Illiopolis	Illiopolis	521	Oct. 1, 1867
Indianola	Vermilion	265	Oct. 6, 1858
Industry	Industry	327	Oct. 5, 1859
Iola	Iola	691	Oct. 1, 1872
Ipava	Ipava	213	Oct. 7, 1856
Iroquois	O. H. Miner	506	Oct. 3, 1866
Irving	Irving	455	Oct. 4, 1865
Iuka	J. D. Moody	510	Oct. 3, 1866
Jacksonville	Harmony	3	1838
Jacksonville	Jacksonville	570	Oct. 1, 1867
Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	460	Oct. 3, 1866
Jerseyville	Jerseyville	394	Oct. 5, 1864
Johnsonville	Johnsonville	713	Oct. 7, 1874
Johnston City	Lake Creek	729	Oct. 5, 1875
Joliet	Mt. Joliet	42	Oct. 8, 1846
Joliet	Matteson	175	Oct. 3, 1855
Jonesboro	Jonesboro	111	Oct. 7, 1851

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Kane	King Solomon's	197	Oct. 7, 1856
Kankakee	Kankakee	389	Oct. 8, 1863
Kansas	Kansas	280	Oct. 6, 1858
Karber's Ridge	Tadmor	794	Oct. 8, 1890
Kenney	Henderson	820	Oct. 5, 1882
Kewanee	Kewanee	159	Oct. 3, 1855
Keithsburg	Robert Burns	113	Oct. 7, 1851
Kinderhook	Kinderhook	353	Oct. 3, 1860
Kingston	Kishwaukee	402	Oct. 5, 1864
Kinmundy	Kinmundy	398	Oct. 5, 1864
Kirkland	Boyd D.	857	Oct. 2, 1900
Kirkwood	Abraham Lincoln	518	Oct. 1, 1867
Knoxville	Pacific	66	Mar. 25, 1896
Lacon	Lacon	61	Oct. 4, 1848
LaFayette	Stark	501	Oct. 3, 1866
LaGrange	La Grange	770	Oct. 8, 1884
LaHarpe	La Harpe	195	Oct. 6, 1856
La Moille	La Moille	383	Oct. 8, 1863
Lanark	Lanark	423	Oct. 5, 1864
LaSalle	Acacia	67	Dec. 10, 1849
Latham	Latham	853	Oct. 6, 1897
Lawrenceville	Edward Dobbins	164	Oct. 3, 1855
Lebanon	Lebanon	110	Oct. 6, 1851
Lee Center	Lee Center	146	Oct. 2, 1854
Leland	Leland	558	Oct. 1, 1867
Lena	Lena	174	Oct. 3, 1855
Lerna	Lerna	788	Oct. 3, 1889
Le Roy	Le Roy	221	Oct. 7, 1856
Lewistown	Lewistown	104	Oct. 6, 1851
Lexington	Lexington	482	Oct. 3, 1866
Liberty	Liberty	380	Oct. 8, 1863
Libertyville	Libertyville	492	Oct. 3, 1866
Lick Creek	Union	627	Oct. 5, 1869
Lima	Lima	135	Oct. 4, 1853
Lincoln	Logan	210	Oct. 7, 1856
Lisbon	Orient	323	Oct. 5, 1859
Litchfield	Charter Oak	236	Oct. 7, 1857
Litchfield	Litchfield	517	Oct. 1, 1867
Littleton	Littleton	766	Oct. 3, 1883
Loami	Loami	450	Oct. 4, 1865
Lockport	Lockport	538	Oct. 1, 1867
Loda	Abraham Jonas	316	Oct. 5, 1859
London Mills	London	848	Oct. 5, 1897
Long Point	Long Point	552	Oct. 1, 1867
Loraine	Loraine	893	Oct. 2, 1907
Lostant	Lostant	870	Oct. 7, 1903
Louisville	Louisville	196	Oct. 6, 1856
Lovington	Lovington	228	Oct. 7, 1857
Ludlow	Pera	574	Oct. 6, 1868
Lyndon	Lyndon	750	Oct. 4, 1877
Lynnville	Gill	382	Oct. 8, 1863
McHenry	McHenry	158	Oct. 3, 1854
McLean	McLean	469	Oct. 3, 1866
McLeansboro	Polk	137	Oct. 5, 1853
Macedonia	Royal	807	Oct. 6, 1891
Mackinaw	Mackinaw	132	Oct. 4, 1853
Macomb	Macomb	17	Oct. 2, 1843
Macon	South Macon	467	Oct. 3, 1866
Magnolia	Magnolia	103	Oct. 6, 1851
Mahomet	Mahomet	220	Oct. 7, 1856
Makanda	Makanda	434	Oct. 4, 1865
Manchester	Manchester	229	Oct. 7, 1857
Manito	Manito	476	Oct. 3, 1866
Mansfield	Mansfield	773	Oct. 8, 1884
Maquon	Maquon	530	Oct. 1, 1867
Marcelline	Marcelline	114	Oct. 7, 1851
Marengo	Marengo	138	Oct. 5, 1853
Marine	Marine	355	Oct. 3, 1860
Marion	Fellowship	89	Oct 8, 1850
Marissa	Marissa	881	Oct. 4, 1905
Maroa	Maroa	454	Oct. 4, 1865
Marseilles	Marseilles	417	Oct. 5, 1864
Marshall	Marshall	133	Oct. 4, 1853
Martinsville	Clark	603	Oct. 6, 1868
Martinton	Martinton	845	Oct. 6, 1895
Mascoutah	Douglas	361	Oct. 1, 1861
Mason	Mason	217	Oct. 7, 1856
Mason City	Mason City	403	Oct. 5, 1864
Mattoon	Mattoon	260	Oct. 6, 1858
Maywood	Maywood	869	Oct. 7, 1903
Mazon	Mazon	826	Oct. 4, 1893
Mechanicsburg	Carlock	904	Oct. 7, 1908
Medora	Fidelity	152	Oct. 3, 1854
Melvin	Melvin	811	Oct. 6, 1891

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POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED.
Mendon	Mendon	449	Oct. 4, 1865
Mendota	Mendota	176	Oct. 3, 1855
Meredosia	Benevolent	52	Oct. 3, 1848
Metropolis City	Metropolis	91	Oct. 8, 1850
Milan	Eureka	69	Oct. 4 1849
Milford	Milford	168	Oct. 3, 1855
Millburn	Antioch	127	Oct. 3, 1853
Milledgeville	Milledgeville	345	Oct. 3, 1860
Milton	Milton	275	Oct. 6, 1858
Minier	Comet	641	Oct. 4, 1870
Minonk	Rob Morris	247	Oct. 7, 1857
Minooka	Minooka	528	Oct. 1, 1867
Modesto	Nifong	874	Oct. 4, 1904
Moline	Doric	319	Oct. 5, 1859
Momence	Momence	481	Oct. 3, 1866
Monmouth	Monmouth	37	Oct. 6, 1846
Monticello	Fraternal	58	Oct. 4, 1848
Montrose	Prairie City	578	Oct. 6, 1868
Morris	Cedar	124	Oct. 3, 1853
Morrison	Dunlap	321	Oct. 5, 1859
Morrisonville	Morrisonville	681	Oct. 3, 1871
Morton	Groveland	352	Oct. 3, 1860
Mound City	Trinity	562	Oct. 1, 1867
Mound Station	Kendrick	430	Oct. 4. 1865
Mount Auburn	Kedron	310	Oct. 2, 1860
Mt Carmel	Mt. Carmel	239	Oct. 7, 1857
Mt. Carroll	Cyrus	188	Oct. 6, 1856
Mt. Erie	Mt. Erie	331	Oct. 3, 1860
Mt. Morris	Samuel H. Davis.	96	Oct. 6, 1851
Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	87	Oct. 8, 1850
Mount Sterling	Hardin	44	Oct. 5, 1847
Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	31	Oct. 9, 1845
Moweaqua	Moweaqua	180	Oct. 3, 1855
Murphysboro	Murphysboro	498	Oct. 3, 1866
Murrayville	Murrayville	432	Oct. 4, 1865
Naperville	Euclid	65	Oct. 2, 1849
Nashville	Washington	55	Oct. 4, 1848
Nebo	Nebo	806	Oct. 6, 1891
Neoga	Neoga	279	Oct. 6, 1858
Neponset	Neponset	803	Oct. 6, 1891
New Boston	New Boston	59	Oct. 4, 1848
New Burnside	New Burnside	772	Oct. 8, 1884
New Canton	New Canton	821	Oct. 5, 1892
New Douglas	Madison	560	Oct. 1, 1867
New Grand Chain	Grand Chain	660	Oct. 4, 1870
New Hartford	New Hartford	453	Oct. 4, 1865
New Haven	New Haven	230	Oct. 8, 1857
New Holland	New Holland	741	Oct. 3, 1876
Newman	Newman	369	Oct. 2, 1861
New Salem	New Salem	218	Oct. 7, 1856
Newton	Newton	216	Oct. 7, 1856
New Windsor	Oxford	367	Oct. 1, 1861
Noble	Noble	362	Oct 2, 1861
Nokomis	Nokomis	456	Oct. 4, 1865
Normal	Normal	673	Oct. 3, 1871
Norris City	May	718	Oct. 7, 1874
Norwood Park	Beacon Light	784	Oct. 6, 1887
Nunda	Nunda	169	Oct. 4, 1855
Oakland	Oakland	219	Oct. 7, 1856
Oakwood	Free Will	872	Oct. 4, 1904
Oak Park	Oak Park	540	Oct. 1, 1867
Oblong	Oblong City	644	Oct. 4, 1870
Oconee	Oconee	392	Oct. 8, 1863
Odell	Odell	401	Oct. 5, 1864
Odin	Odin	503	Oct. 3, 1866
O'Fallon	O'Fallon	576	Oct. 6, 1868
Ogden	Ogden	754	Oct. 4, 1877
Ohio	Ohio	814	Oct. 5, 1892
Olmsted	Caledonia	47	Oct. 5, 1847
Olney	Olney	140	Oct. 2, 1854
Omaha	Omaha	723	Oct. 7, 1874
Onarga	Onarga	305	Oct. 5, 1859
Oneida	Oneida	337	Oct. 3, 1860
Opdyke	Jefferson	368	Oct. 1, 1861
Oquawka	Oquawka	123	Oct. 3, 1853
Orangeville	Orangeville	687	Oct. 1, 1872
Oregon	Oregon	420	Oct. 5, 1864
Orion	Sherman	535	Oct. 1, 1867
Oswego	Raven	303	Oct. 5, 1859
Ottawa	Occidental	40	Oct. 7, 1846
Ottawa	Humboldt	555	Oct. 1, 1867
Owaneco	Locust	623	Oct. 5, 1869
Palatine	Palatine	314	Oct. 5, 1859
Palestine	Palestine	849	Oct. 6, 1897

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POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED.
Palmyra	Palmyra	463	Oct. 3, 1866
Pana	Pana	226	Oct. 7, 1856
Paris	Prairie	77	Oct. 4, 1849
Paris	Paris	268	Oct. 6, 1858
Parkersburg	Parkersburg	509	Oct. 3, 1866
Patoka	Patoka	613	Oct. 5, 1869
Pawnee	Pawnee	675	Oct. 3, 1871
Paw Paw	Corinthian	205	Oct. 7, 1856
Paxton	Paxton	416	Oct. 5, 1864
Payson	Payson	379	Oct. 8, 1863
Pearl City	Pearl	823	Oct. 4, 1893
Pecatonica	A. W. Rawson	145	Oct. 2, 1854
Pekin	Pekin	29	May 26, 1845
Pekin	Empire	126	Oct. 3, 1853
Peoria	Peoria	15	Oct. 4, 1842
Peoria	Temple	46	Oct. 5, 1847
Peoria	Illinois	263	Oct. 6, 1858
Peoria	Schiller	335	Oct. 3, 1860
Peotone	Peotone	636	Oct. 5, 1869
Perry	Perry	95	Oct. 10, 1850
Peru	St. Johns	13	Oct. 4, 1842
Petersburg	Clinton	19	Oct. 3, 1843
Philo	Centennial	747	Oct. 3, 1876
Pilot	Newtown	714	Oct. 7, 1874
Pinckneyville	Mitchell	85	Oct. 8, 1850
Pittsfield	Pittsfield	790	Oct. 3, 1889
Piper City	Piper	608	Oct. 6, 1868
Plainfield	Plainfield	536	Oct. 1, 1867
Plainview	Plainview	461	Oct. 3, 1866
Plainville	Adams	529	Oct. 1, 1867
Plano	Sunbeam	428	Oct. 4, 1865
Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	565	Oct. 1, 1867
Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	700	Oct. 8, 1873
Plymouth	Plymouth	286	Oct. 7, 1858
Pocahontas	Gordon	473	Oct. 3, 1866
Polo	Mystic Tie	187	Oct. 6, 1856
Pontiac	Pontiac	294	Oct. 5, 1859
Pontoosuc	Herrick	193	Oct. 6, 1856
Port Byron	Philo	436	Oct. 4, 1865
Potomac	Potomac	782	Oct. 6, 1887
Prairie City	Golden Gate	248	Oct. 7, 1857
Pre-emption	Pre-emption	755	Oct. 4, 1877
Princeton	Bureau	112	Oct. 7, 1851
Princeton	Princeton	587	Oct. 6, 1868
Princeville	Princeville	360	Oct. 1, 1861
Prophetstown	Prophetstown	293	Oct. 5, 1859
Quincy	Bodley	1	Aug. 30, 1836,
Quincy	Herman	39	Oct. 6, 1846
Quincy	Quincy	296	Oct. 5, 1859
Quincy	Lambert	659	Oct. 4, 1870
Raleigh	Raleigh	128	Oct. 3, 1853
Ramsey	Ramsey	405	Oct. 5, 1864
Rankin	Rankin	725	Oct. 7, 1874
Rantoul	Rantoul	470	Oct. 3, 1866
Raritan	Raritan	727	Oct. 5, 1875
Raymond	Raymond	692	Oct. 1, 1872
Red Bud	Red Bud	427	Oct. 4, 1865
Richmond	Richmond	143	Oct. 2, 1854
Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	632	Oct. 5, 1869
Ridgway	Ridgway	816	Oct. 5, 1892
Rio	Rio	685	Oct. 1, 1872
Riverside	Riverside	862	Oct. 8, 1902
Riverton	Riverton Union	786	Oct. 3, 1888
Robinson	Robinson	250	Oct. 7, 1857
Rochelle	Horicon	244	Oct. 7, 1857
Rochester	Rochester	635	Oct. 5, 1869
Rockford	Rockford	102	Oct. 6, 1851
Rockford	Star in the East	166	Oct. 3, 1855
Rockford	E. F. W. Ellis	633	Oct. 5, 1869
Rock Island	Trio	57	Oct. 3, 1848
Rock Island	Rock Island	658	Oct. 4, 1870
Rockport	Rockport	830	Oct. 4, 1893
Rockton	Rockton	74	Oct. 4, 1849
Roodhouse	E. M. Husted	796	Oct. 8, 1890
Roscoe	Roscoe	75	Oct. 4, 1849
Roseville	Roseville	519	Oct. 1, 1867
Rossville	Rossville	527	Oct. 1, 1867
Rushville	Rushville	9	Oct. 3, 1842
Rutland	Rutland	477	Oct. 3, 1866
Sadorus	J. R. Gorin	537	Oct. 1, 1867
Saint Charles	Unity	48	Oct. 5, 1847
Saint Elmo	Saint Elmo	769	Oct. 8, 1884
Salem	Marion	130	Oct. 4, 1853
Sandwich	Meteor	283	Oct. 6, 1858

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POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED.
San Jose	San Jose	645	Oct. 4, 1870
Saunemin	Saunemin	738	Oct. 3, 1876
Savanna	Mississippi	385	Oct. 8, 1863
Saybrook	Cheney's Grove	468	Oct. 3, 1866
Scott Land	Scott Land	743	Oct. 3, 1876
Scottville	Scottville	426	Oct. 4, 1865
Seaton	Charity	838	Oct. 2, 1895
Seneca	Seneca	532	Oct. 1, 1867
Sesser	Sesser	UD	
Shabbona	Shabbona	374	Oct. 8, 1862
Shannon	Shannon	490	Oct. 3, 1866
Shawneetown	Warren	14	Oct. 5, 1842
Sheffield	Ames	142	Oct. 2, 1854
Shelbyville	Jackson	53	Oct. 4, 1848
Sheldon	Sheldon	609	Oct. 5, 1869
Sheridan	Sheridan	735	Oct. 5, 1875
Shipman	Shipman	212	Oct. 7, 1856
Shirley	Shirley	582	Oct. 6, 1868
Sibley	Sibley	761	Oct. 6, 1881
Sidell	Sidell	798	Oct. 8, 1890
Sidney	Sidney	347	Oct. 3, 1860
Silvis	Silvis	898	Oct. 2, 1907
Somonauk	Somonauk	646	Oct. 4, 1870
Sorento	Sorento	861	Oct 1, 1901
Sparland	Sparland	441	Oct. 4, 1865
Sparta	Hope	162	Oct. 3, 1855
Speer	Lawn Ridge	415	Oct. 5, 1864
Springfield	Springfield	4	Oct. 28, 1839
Springfield	Central	71	Oct. 4, 1849
Springfield	Tyrian	333	Oct. 2, 1860
Springfield	St. Paul's	500	Oct. 3, 1866
Spring Hill	Bollen	412	Oct. 5, 1861
Spring Valley	S. M. Dalzell	805	Oct. 6, 1891
Staunton	Staunton	177	Oct. 2, 1855
Steeleville	Alma	497	Oct. 3, 1866
Sterling	Rock River	612	Oct. 5, 1869
Stewart	Alto	902	Oct. 7, 1908
Stewardson	Stewardson	541	Oct. 1, 1867
St. Francisville	Steller	912	Oct. 13, 1909
Stockton	Plum River	554	Oct. 1, 1867
Stone Fort	Stone Fort	495	Oct. 3, 1866
Streator	Streator	607	Oct. 6, 1868
Stronghurst	Stronghurst	847	Oct. 6, 1896
Sublette	Sublette	349	Oct. 3, 1860
Sullivan	Sullivan	764	Oct. 3, 1883
Summerfield	Summerfield	342	Oct. 3, 1860
Sumner	Sumner	334	Oct. 3, 1860
Sycamore	Sycamore	134	Oct. 4, 1853
Tamaroa	Tamaroa	207	Oct. 7, 1856
Tampico	Yorktown	655	Oct. 4, 1870
Taylorville	Mound	122	Oct. 5, 1852
Temple Hill	Temple Hill	701	Oct. 8, 1873
Thompsonville	Akin	749	Oct. 4, 1877
Thomson	Thomson	559	Oct. 1, 1867
Time	Time	569	Oct. 1, 1867
Tiskilwa	Sharon	550	Oct. 1, 1867
Toledo	Toledo	834	Oct. 3, 1894
Tolona	Tolono	391	Oct. 8, 1863
Tonica	Tonica	364	Oct. 1, 1861
Toulon	Toulon	93	Oct. 8, 1850
Towanda	Towanda	542	Oct. 1, 1867
Tower Hill	Tower Hill	493	Oct. 3, 1866
Tremont	Tremont	462	Oct. 3, 1866
Trenton	Trenton	109	Oct. 6, 1851
Trilla	Muddy Point	396	Oct. 5, 1864
Troy	Troy	588	Oct. 6, 1868
Troy Grove	Shiloh	397	Oct. 5, 1864
Tunnell Hill	Reynoldsburg	419	Oct. 5, 1864
Tuscola	Tuscola	332	Oct. 2, 1860
Union	Orion	358	Oct. 1, 1861
Upper Alton	Franklin	25	1837
Urbana	Urbana	157	Oct. 2, 1854
Utica	Utica	858	Oct. 2, 1900
Valier	Goode	744	Oct. 3, 1876
Vandalia	Temperance	16	Dec. 10, 1819
Venice	Triple	835	Oct. 3, 1894
Vermilion	Stratton	408	Oct. 5, 1864
Vermont	Vermont	116	Oct. 4, 1852
Verona	Verona	757	Oct. 3, 1878
Versailles	Versailles	108	Oct. 6, 1851
Victoria	A. T. Darrah	793	Oct. 8, 1890
Vienna	Vienna	150	Oct. 2, 1854
Villa Grove	Villa Grove	885	Oct. 3, 1906
Viola	Viola	577	Oct. 6, 1868

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POSTOFFICE	NAME	NO.	CHARTERED.
Virden	Virden	161	Oct. 3, 1855
Virginia	Virginia	544	Oct. 1, 1867
Waldron	Aroma	378	Oct. 8, 1863
Walnut	Walnut	722	Oct. 7, 1874
Walpole	Tuscan	630	Oct. 5, 1869
Walshville	Walshville	475	Oct. 3, 1866
Waltham	Waltham	384	Oct. 8, 1863
Warren	Jo Daviess	278	Oct. 6, 1858
Warsaw	Warsaw	257	Oct. 6, 1858
Washburn	Washburn	421	Oct. 5, 1864
Washington	Taylor	98	Oct. 6, 1851
Wataga	Wataga	291	Oct. 5, 1859
Waterman	Waterman	728	Oct. 5, 1875
Waterloo	Morris	787	Oct. 3, 1889
Watseka	Watseka	446	Oct. 4, 1865
Watson	Watson	602	Oct. 6, 1868
Wauconda	Wauconda	298	Oct. 5, 1859
Waukegan	Waukegan	78	Oct. 4, 1849
Waverly	Waverly	118	Oct. 4, 1852
Wayne City	Orel	759	Oct. 9, 1879
Waynesville	Wayne	172	Oct. 3, 1855
Weldon	Weldon	746	Oct. 3, 1876
Wenona	Wenona	344	Oct. 3, 1860
West Chicago	Amity	472	Oct. 3, 1866
West Frankfort	Frankfort	567	Oct. 1, 1867
West Point	Dills	295	Oct. 5, 1859
West Salem	West Salem	866	Oct. 8, 1902
Wheaton	Wheaton	269	Oct. 6, 1858
Wheeler	Wheeler	883	Oct. 3, 1906
Wheeling	Vitruvius	81	Oct. 10, 1850
White Hall	White Hall	80	Oct. 8, 1850
Williamsville	Lavely	203	Oct. 7, 1856
Willow Hill	Cooper	489	Oct. 3, 1866
Wilmington	Wilmington	208	Oct. 7, 1856
Winchester	Winchester	105	Oct. 6, 1851
Windsor	Windsor	322	Oct. 5, 1859
Winnebago	Winnebago	745	Oct. 3, 1876
Winslow	Winslow	564	Oct. 1, 1867
Winterrowd	Mayo	664	Oct. 3, 1871
Woburn	Gilham	809	Oct. 6, 1891
Wolf Creek	Chapel Hill	719	Oct. 7, 1874
Woodhull	Woodhull	502	Oct. 3, 1866
Woodstock	Saint Marks	263	Oct. 4, 1848
Wyanet	Wyanet	231	Oct. 7, 1857
Wyoming	Wyoming	479	Oct. 3, 1866
Xenia	Xenia	485	Oct. 3, 1866
Yates City	Yates City	448	Oct. 4, 1865
York	York	313	Oct. 5, 1859
Yorkville	Kendall	471	Oct. 3, 1866

List of Lodges by Districts.

FIRST DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
33	Oriental	Chicago	78 Monroe St.
271	Blaney	Chicago	78 Monroe St.
409	T. J. Turner	Chicago	Masonic Temple
524	Evans	Evanston	810 Davis St.
642	Apollo	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave
697	Richard Cole	Chicago	2941 Archer Ave
751	Lounsbury	Barrington	Barrington
776	Grand Crossing	Chicago	7439 Engleside Ave.
795	Myrtle	Chicago	1172 W. Byron St.
818	Ben Hur	Chicago	856 N. California Ave.
843	Park	Chicago	N. Clark St. and Lunt Ave.
863	St. Andrews	Chicago	Masonic Temple
878	Equity	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave
890	Desplaines	Desplaines	Desplaines
899	Park Manor	Chicago	6857 Wentworth Ave.
914	Republic	Chicago	

Harry W. Harvey. D. D. G. M., 7211 Lexington Ave., Chicago.

SECOND DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
81	Vitruvius	Wheeling	Wheeling.
277	Accordia	Chicago	Halsted St. and North Ave.
410	Mithra	Chicago	E. N. Ave. and N. Halsted St.
526	Covenant	Chicago	Masonic Temple
643	D. C. Cregier	Chicago	404 and 406 Milwaukee Ave.
711	Providence	Jefferson	3427 N. 56th Ave.
758	Mystic Star	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
777	Ravenswood	Chicago	Montrose & N. Hermitage Ave.
797	Normal Park	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
819	Columbian	Chicago	1812 West 22d St.
850	Austin	Chicago	Austin
864	Olympia	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
879	Composite	Chicago	106 West 47th street.
891	Logan Square	Chicago	
900	Carnation	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
915	Jackson Park	Chicago	

R. R. Jampolis, D. D. G. M., 200 Randolph St., Chicago.

THIRD DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
141	Garden City	Chicago	Masonic Temple
308	Ashlar	Chicago	Masonic Temple
411	Hesperia	Chicago	78 Monroe St.
540	Oak Park	Oak Park	Oak Park
662	South Park	Chicago	Washington Ave. and 55th St.
716	Calumet	Blue Island	Blue Island
765	Palace	Chicago	Market Bld., Pullman
779	Wright's Grove	Chicago	N. Clark St. and Belmont Av.
800	Kenwood	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave.
832	Harvey	Harvey	Harvey
851	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights.
865	St. Cecilia	Chicago	Masonic Temple
880	John B. Sherman	Chicago	47th St. and Ashland Ave.
892	Constellation	Chicago	
901	Edgewater	Chicago	S.W.cor. B.M. & Winthrop Ave.
916	Welcome	Chicago	

Albert Roullier, D. D. G. M., Fine Arts Bldg., Chicago.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
160	Waubansia	Chicago	Masonic Temple
310	Dearborn	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave
422	Landmark	Chicago	4229 Cottage Grove Ave
557	Lessing	Chicago	615-617 North Clark St.
669	Herder	Chicago	358 Blue Island Ave
717	Arcana	Chicago	117 So. Oakley Blvd.
767	Triluminar	Chicago	9110 Commercial Ave
780	Siloam	Chicago	1250 West Madison St.
804	Kensington	Chicago	11100 Michigan Ave
836	Windsor Park	Chicago	75th St. and Coles Ave
854	Brighton Park	Chicago	3811 Archer Ave
869	Maywood	Maywood	Maywood
882	Boulevard	Chicago	42d and Halsted streets
894	Utopia	Chicago	9231-33 Cottage Grove Ave.
907	Ancient Craft	Chicago	Lexington Ave. and 64th St.
917	Concord	Chicago	

David D. King, D. D. G. M., 1234 Congress St., Chicago.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION	PLACE OF MEETING.
182	Germania	Chicago	615 North Clark St
311	Kilwinning	Chicago	Masonic Temple
437	Chicago	Chicago	Masonic Temple
610	Union Park	Chicago	473 and 475 W. Madison St.
674	Waldeck	Chicago	44th and State St
726	Golden Rule	Chicago	Masonic Temple
768	Mizpah	Chicago	4341 South Halsted St.
783	Constantia	Chicago	70 Adams St
810	Tracy	Chicago	103d St. near Walden Parkway.
839	Berwyn	Berwyn	Berwyn
855	King Oscar	Chicago	Masonic Temple
873	Standard	Chicago	Masonic Temple
887	Pyramid	Chicago	Hagewich
895	Crescent	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
U.D	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	7439-7441 Ingleside Ave

Wm. H. Bied, D. D. G. M., 6024 Calumet Ave., Chicago.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
209	W. B. Warren	Chicago	Masonic Temple
314	Palatine	Palatine	Palatine
478	Pleiades	Chicago	473 West Madison St.
611	Lincoln Park	Chicago	615-617 N. Clark St
686	Garfield	Chicago	1250 West Madison St.
731	Harbor	Chicago	91st St. and Commercial Ave.
770	LaGrange	LaGrange	LaGrange
784	Beacon Light	Chicago	Norwood Park
813	Humboldt Park	Chicago	913 West North Ave
841	Woodlawn Park	Chicago	225 64th St.
860	Metropolitan	Chicago	2022 and 2024 West Madison St.
875	Corner-Stone	Chicago	Masonic Temple
888	Damascus	Chicago	64th and Lexington Ave.
896	Kosmos	Chicago	101 W. 55th St.
909	Bee Hive	Chicago	55 and State St

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SEVENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	PLACE OF MEETING.
211	Cleveland	Chicago	Randolph and Halsted Sts.
393	Blair	Chicago	78 Monroe St
508	Home	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave.
639	Keystone	Chicago	615-617 North Clark St.
690	Englewood	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.
739	Lakeside	Chicago	3120 Forest Ave
774	Lake View	Chicago	293 Dearborn
789	Auburn Park	Chicago	79th and Lowe Ave.
815	Lawn	Chicago	3620 West 63d St
842	Fides	Chicago	700-119 Street
862	Riverside	Riverside	
876	William McKinley	Chicago	Masonic Temple
889	America	Chicago	Ameri'n Exp. Bldg., 78 Monroe
897	Ogden Park	Chicago	6719 S. Ashland Ave.
913	Aaron	Chicago	6734 Wentworth Ave.

H. Vanderbilt, D. D. G. M., 11232 Michigan Ave., Chicago.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
63	St. Marks	Woodstock	McHenry
138	Marengo	Marengo	McHenry
143	Richmond	Richmond	McHenry
158	McHenry	McHenry	McHenry
169	Nunda	Nunda	McHenry
309	Harvard	Harvard	McHenry
358	Orion	Union	McHenry
604	Hebron	Hebron	McHenry
78	Waukegan	Waukegan	Lake
115	Rising Sun	Gray's Lake	Lake
127	Antioch	Millburn	Lake
298	Wauconda	Wauconda	Lake
492	Libertyville	Libertyville	Lake
676	A. O. Fay	Highland Park	Lake
827	Sequoit	Antioch	Lake

Jay L. Brewster, D. D. G. M., Waukegan.

NINTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
60	Belvidere	Belvidere	Boone
575	Capron	Capron	Boone
74	Rockton	Rockton	Winnebago
75	Roscoe	Roscoe	Winnebago
102	Rockford	Rockford	Winnebago
145	A. W. Rawson	Pecatonica	Winnebago
166	Star-in-the-East	Rockford	Winnebago
173	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	Winnebago
302	Durand	Durand	Winnebago
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Rockford	Winnebago
745	Winnebago	Winnebago	Winnebago
97	Excelsior	Freeport	Stephenson
170	Evergreen	Freeport	Stephenson
174	Lena	Lena	Stephenson
414	Evening Star	Davis	Stephenson
564	Winslow	Winslow	Stephenson
687	Orangeville	Orangeville	Stephenson
823	Pearl	Pearl City	Stephenson

James M. Huff, D. D. G. M., Belvidere.

TENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
905	Hanover	Hanover	Jo Daviess
36	Kavanaugh	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess
273	Miners	Galena	Jo Daviess
278	Jo Daviess	Warren	Jo Daviess
491	Martin	East Dubuque	Jo Daviess
554	Plum River	Stockton	Jo Daviess
859	Apple River	Apple River	Jo Daviess
188	Cyrus	Mt. Carroll	Carroll
345	Milledgeville	Milledgeville	Carroll
385	Mississippi	Savanna	Carroll
423	Lanark	Lanark	Carroll
490	Shannon	Shannon	Carroll
559	Thomson	Thomson	Carroll
867	Chadwick	Chadwick	Carroll

John W. Oliver, D. D. G. M., Apple River

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
134	Sycamore	Sycamore	De Kalb
144	De Kalb	De Kalb	De Kalb
283	Meteor	Sandwich	De Kalb
288	Genoa	Genoa	De Kalb
301	Hinckley	Hinckley	De Kalb
374	Shabbona	Shabbona	De Kalb
402	Kishwaukee	Kingston	De Kalb
646	Somonauk	Somonauk	De Kalb
728	Waterman	Waterman	De Kalb
857	Boyd D	Kirkland	De Kalb
96	Samuel H. Davis	Mt. Morris	Ogle
187	Mystic Tie	Polo	Ogle
244	Horicon	Rochelle	Ogle
274	Byron	Byron	Ogle
320	Creston	Creston	Ogle
420	Oregon	Oregon	Ogle
505	Meridian Sun	Holcomb	Ogle

B. A. Cottlow, D. D. G. M, Oregon

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
48	Unity	St. Charles	Kane
90	Jerusalem Temple	Aurora	Kane
117	Elgin	Elgin	Kane
139	Geneva	Geneva	Kane
190	Dundee	Dundee	Kane
254	Aurora	Aurora	Kane
359	Blackberry	Elburn	Kane
404	Batavia	Batavia	Kane
443	Hampshire	Hampshire	Kane
522	Monitor	Elgin	Kane
303	Raven	Oswego	Kendall
323	Orient	Lisbon	Kendall
428	Sunbeam	Plano	Kendall
471	Kendall	Yorkville	Kendall
65	Euclid	Naperville	Du Page
269	Wheaton	Wheaton	Du Page
472	Amity	West Chicago	Du Page
824	Grove	Downers Grove	Du Page

J. H. Griffiths, D. D. G. M., Downers Grove.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
189	Fulton City	Fulton	Whiteside
293	Prophetstown	Prophetstown	Whiteside
321	Dunlap	Morrison	Whiteside
412	Bollen	Spring Hill	Whiteside
566	Albany	Albany	Whiteside
612	Rock River	Sterling	Whiteside
655	Yorktown	Tampico	Whiteside
667	Erie	Erie	Whiteside
750	Lyndon	Lyndon	Whiteside
7	Friendship	Dixon	Lee
146	Lee Centre	Lee Centre	Lee
178	Illinois Central	Amboy	Lee
205	Corinthian	Paw Paw	Lee
264	Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	Lee
282	Brooklyn	Compton	Lee
349	Sublette	Sublette	Lee
531	Ashton	Ashton	Lee
902	Alto	Stewart	Lee

W. C. Stilson, D. D. G. M., Morrison.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
49	Cambridge	Cambridge	Henry
92	Stewart	Geneseo	Henry
159	Kewanee	Kewanee	Henry
243	Galva	Galva	Henry
433	Annawan	Atkinson	Henry
502	Woodhull	Woodhull	Henry
535	Sherman	Orion	Henry
680	Clement	Colono	Henry
886	Hooppole	Hooppole	Henry
57	Trio	Rock Island	Rock Island
69	Eureka	Milan	Rock Island
319	Doric	Moline	Rock Island
436	Philo	Port Byron	Rock Island
516	Andalusia	Andalusia	Rock Island
543	Cordova	Cordova	Rock Island
547	Valley	Coal Valley	Rock Island
658	Rock Island	Rock Island	Rock Island
679	Buffalo Prairie	Illinois City	Rock Island
898	Silvis	Silvis	Rock Island

Milton T. Booth, D. D. G. M., Atkinson.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
112	Bureau	Princeton	Bureau
142	Ames	Sheffield	Bureau
231	Wyanet	Wyanet	Bureau
270	Levi Lusk	Arlington	Bureau
383	La Moille	La Moille	Bureau
399	Buda	Buda	Bureau
550	Sharon	Tiskilwa	Bureau
587	Princeton	Princeton	Bureau
722	Walnut	Walnut	Bureau
803	Neponset	Neponset	Bureau
805	S. M. Dalzell	Spring Valley	Bureau
814	Ohio	Ohio	Bureau
103	Magnolia	Magnolia	Putnam
61	Lacon	Lacon	Marshall
119	Henry	Henry	Marshall
344	Wenona	Wenona	Marshall
441	Sparland	Sparland	Marshall

F. H. Bradley, D. D. G. M., Princeton, R. F. D.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
13	St. John's	Peru	La Salle
40	Occidental	Ottawa	La Salle
67	Acacia	La Salle	La Salle
176	Mendota	Mendota	La Salle
183	Meridian	Earlville	La Salle
194	Freedom	Freedom	La Salle
364	Tonica	Tonica	La Salle
384	Waltham	Waltham	La Salle
397	Shiloh	Troy Grove	La Salle
417	Marseilles	Marseilles	La Salle
477	Rutland	Rutland	La Salle
532	Seneca	Seneca	La Salle
555	Humboldt	Ottawa	La Salle
607	Streator	Streator	La Salle
735	Sheridan	Sheridan	La Salle
858	Utica	Utica	La Salle
870	Lostant	Lostant	La Salle
558	Leland	Leland	La Salle

J. M. Hannum, D. D. G. M., Lostant.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
42	Mt. Joliet	Joliet	Will
175	Matteson	Joliet	Will
208	Wilmington	Wilmington	Will
262	Channahon	Channahon	Will
536	Plainfield	Plainfield	Will
538	Lockport	Lockport	Will
636	Peotone	Peotone	Will
704	Braidwood	Braidwood	Will
763	Crete	Crete	Will
124	Cedar	Morris	Grundy
528	Minooka	Minooka	Grundy
573	Gardner	Gardner	Grundy
757	Verona	Verona	Grundy
826	Mazon	Mazon	Grundy

John B. Fithian, D. D. G. M., Joliet.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
378	Aroma	Waldron	Kankakee
389	Kankakee	Kankakee	Kankakee
481	Momence	Momence	Kankakee
168	Milford	Milford	Iroquois
305	Onarga	Onarga	Iroquois
316	Abraham Jonas	Loda	Iroquois
429	Chebanse	Chebanse	Iroquois
446	Watseka	Watseka	Iroquois
506	O. H. Miner	Iroquois	Iroquois
591	Gilman	Gilman	Iroquois
609	Sheldon	Sheldon	Iroquois
634	Buckley	Buckley	Iroquois
688	Clifton	Clifton	Iroquois
845	Martinton	Martinton	Iroquois

N. T. Stevens, D. D. G. M., Clifton.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION	COUNTY.
294	Pontiac	Pontiac	Livingston
351	Tarbolton	Fairbury	Livingston
371	Livingston	Dwight	Livingston
401	Odell	Odell	Livingston
539	Chatsworth	Chatsworth	Livingston
552	Long Point	Long Point	Livingston
614	Forrest	Forrest	Livingston
738	Saunemin	Saunemin	Livingston
868	Cornell	Cornell	Livingston
416	Paxton	Paxton	Ford
608	Piper	Piper City	Ford
631	Norton	Cabery	Ford
733	Gibson	Gibson City	Ford
761	Sibley	Sibley	Ford
811	Melvin	Melvin	Ford

L E. Rockwood, D. D. G. M., Gibson City.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
15	Peoria	Peoria	Peoria
46	Temple	Peoria	Peoria
106	Lancaster	Glasford	Peoria
222	George Washington	Chillicothe	Peoria
263	Illinois	Peoria	Peoria
335	Schiller	Peoria	Peoria
360	Princeville	Princeville	Peoria
363	Horeb	Elmwood	Peoria
748	Alta	Alta	Peoria
246	El Paso	El Paso	Woodford
247	Rob Morris	Minonk	Woodford
306	Wm. C. Hobbs	Eureka	Woodford
421	Washburn	Washburn	Woodford

John C. Weis, D. D. G. M., Peoria.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
66	Pacific	Knoxville	Knox
155	Alpha	Galesburg	Knox
185	Abingdon	Abingdon	Knox
291	Wataga	Wataga	Knox
330	Altona	Altona	Knox
337	Oneida	Oneida	Knox
448	Yates City	Yates City	Knox
530	Maquon	Maquon	Knox
584	Vesper	Galesburg	Knox
685	Rio	Rio	Knox
793	A. T. Darrah	Victoria	Knox
93	Toulon	Toulon	Stark
415	Lawn Ridge	Speer	Stark
479	Wyoming	Wyoming	Stark
501	Stark	La Fayette	Stark
514	Bradford	Bradford	Stark

C. T. Holmes, D. D. G. M., Galesburg.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
59	New Boston	New Boston	Mercer
113	Robert Burns	Keithsburg	Mercer
252	Aledo	Aledo	Mercer
367	Oxford	New Windsor	Mercer
577	Viola	Viola	Mercer
755	Pre-emption	Pre-emption	Mercer
838	Charity	Seaton	Mercer
37	Monmouth	Monmouth	Warren
518	Abraham Lincoln	Kirkwood	Warren
519	Roseville	Roseville	Warren
709	Alexandria	Alexis	Warren
123	Oquawka	Oquawka	Henderson
727	Raritan	Raritan	Henderson
732	Carman	Carman	Henderson
847	Stronghurst	Stronghurst	Henderson

C. L. Gregory, D. D. G. M., Aledo.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
17	Macomb	Macomb	McDonough
233	Blandinsville	Blandinsville	McDonough
248	Golden Gate	Prairie City	McDonough
307	T. J. Pickett	Bushnell	McDonough
327	Industry	Industry	McDonough
496	Colchester	Colchester	McDonough
572	Bardolph	Bardolph	McDonough
617	Good Hope	Good Hope	McDonough
100	Astoria	Astoria	Fulton
104	Lewistown	Lewistown	Fulton
116	Vermont	Vermont	Fulton
192	Farmington	Farmington	Fulton
213	Ipava	Ipava	Fulton
253	Avon Harmony	Avon	Fulton
350	Fairview	Fairview	Fulton
534	Cuba	Cuba	Fulton
734	Morning Star	Canton	Fulton
848	London	London Mills	Fulton

Geo. M. Bell, D. D. G. M., Bushnell.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
20	Hancock	Carthage	Hancock
193	Herrick	Pontoosuc	Hancock
195	La Harpe	La Harpe	Hancock
235	Dallas City	Dallas City	Hancock
238	Black Hawk	Hamilton	Hancock
257	Warsaw	Warsaw	Hancock
286	Plymouth	Plymouth	Hancock
295	Dills	West Point	Hancock
318	J. L. Anderson	Augusta	Hancock
464	Denver	Denver	Hancock
486	Bowen	Bowen	Hancock
618	Basco	Basco	Hancock
683	Burnside	Burnside	Hancock
715	Elvaston	Elvaston	Hancock
9	Rushville	Rushville	Schuyler
465	Huntsville	Huntsville	Schuyler
648	Camden	Camden	Schuyler
766	Littleton	Littleton	Schuyler

E. M. Crain, D. D. G. M., Augusta.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
29	Pekin	Pekin	Tazewell
98	Taylor	Washington	Tazewell
126	Empire	Pekin	Tazewell
132	Mackinaw	Mackinaw	Tazewell
156	Delavan	Delavan	Tazewell
352	Groveland	Morton	Tazewell
462	Tremont	Tremont	Tazewell
622	Hopedale	Hopedale	Tazewell
641	Comet	Minier	Tazewell
87	Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	Logan
165	Atlanta	Atlanta	Logan
210	Logan	Lincoln	Logan
741	New Holland	New Holland	Logan
808	Cornland	Cornland	Logan
853	Latham	Latham	Logan
903	Elkhart	Elkhart	Logan

L. W. Lawton, D. D. G. M., Delevan.

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
43	Bloomington	Bloomington	McLean
221	Le Roy	Le Roy	McLean
251	Heyworth	Heyworth	McLean
292	Chenoa	Chenoa	McLean
468	Cheneys Grove	Saybrook	McLean
469	McLean	McLean	McLean
482	Lexington	Lexington	McLean
512	Wade Barney	Bloomington	McLean
542	Towanda	Towanda	McLean
582	Shirley	Shirley	McLean
656	Mozart	Bloomington	McLean
673	Normal	Normal	McLean
737	Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	McLean
742	Danvers	Danvers	McLean
799	Colfax	Colfax	McLean
911	Bellflower	Bellflower	McLean

H. M. Palmer, D. D. G. M., McLean.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
38	Olive Branch	Danville	Vermilion
154	Russell	Georgetown	Vermilion
265	Vermilion	Indianola	Vermilion
285	Catlin	Catlin	Vermilion
527	Rossville	Rossville	Vermilion
590	Fairmount	Fairmount	Vermilion
632	Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	Vermilion
709	Star	Hoopeston	Vermilion
714	Newtown	Collison	Vermilion
725	Rankin	Rankin	Vermilion
782	Potomac	Potomac	Vermilion
798	Sidell	Sidell	Vermilion
872	Free Will	Oakwood	Vermilion

C. L. Sandusky, D. D. G. M., Danville.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
157	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign
199	Homer	Homer	Champaign
220	Mahomet	Mahomet	Champaign
240	Western Star	Champaign	Champaign
347	Sidney	Sidney	Champaign
391	Tolono	Tolono	Champaign
470	Rantoul	Rantoul	Champaign
537	J. R. Gorin	Sadorous	Champaign
574	Pera	Ludlow	Champaign
747	Centennial	Philo	Champaign
754	Ogden	Ogden	Champaign
791	Broadlands	Broadlands	Champaign
801	Sangamon	Fisher	Champaign
58	Fraternal	Monticello	Piatt
365	Bement	Bement	Piatt
600	Cerro Gordo	Cerro Gordo	Piatt
651	Atwood	Atwood	Piatt
773	Mansfield	Mansfield	Piatt
812	De Land	De Land	Piatt

Wilson P. Jones, D. D. G. M., Tolono.

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
84	De Witt	Clinton	DeWitt
172	Wayne	Waynesville	DeWitt
261	Amon	De Witt	DeWitt
710	Farmer City	Farmer City	DeWitt
746	Weldon	Weldon	DeWitt
820	Henderson	Kenney	DeWitt
8	Macon	Decatur	Macon
312	Ionic	Decatur	Macon
431	Summit	Harriston	Macon
454	Maroa	Maroa	Macon
467	South Macon	Macon	Macon
682	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	Macon
871	Argenta	Argenta	Macon

A. T. Summers, D. D. G. M., Decatur.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
4	Springfield	Springfield	Sangamon
71	Central	Springfield	Sangamon
203	Lavely	Williamsville	Sangamon
333	Tyrian	Springfield	Sangamon
354	Ark and Anchor	Auburn	Sangamon
450	Loami	Loami	Sangamon
500	St. Pauls	Springfield	Sangamon
521	Illiopolis	Illiopolis	Sangamon
523	Chatham	Chatham	Sangamon
556	Dawson	Dawson	Sangamon
635	Rochester	Rochester	Sangamon
675	Pawnee	Pawnee	Sangamon
700	Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon
786	Riverton Union	Riverton	Sangamon
19	Clinton	Petersburg	Menard
653	Greenview	Greenview	Menard
762	VanMeter	Athens	Menard
904	Carlock	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon

S. S. Breese, D. D. G. M., Springfield.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
88	Havana	Havana	Mason
403	Mason City	Mason City	Mason
476	Manito	Manito	Mason
645	San Jose	San Jose	Mason
23	Cass	Beardstown	Cass
544	Virginia	Virginia	Cass
724	Chandlerville	Chandlerville	Cass
3	Harmony	Jacksonville	Morgan
52	Benevolent	Meredosia	Morgan
118	Waverly	Waverly	Morgan
346	N. D. Morse	Concord	Morgan
382	Gill	Lynnville	Morgan
432	Murrayville	Murrayville	Morgan
570	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Morgan
616	Wadley	Franklin	Morgan

C. P. Ross, D. D. G. M., Jacksonville.

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
44	Hardin	Mt. Sterling	Brown
108	Versailles	Versailles	Brown
430	Kendrick	Mound Station	Brown
34	Barry	Barry	Pike
45	Griggsville	Griggsville	Pike
95	Perry	Perry	Pike
218	New Salem	New Salem	Pike
275	Milton	Milton	Pike
353	Kinderhook	Kinderhook	Pike
373	Chambersburg	Chambersburg	Pike
388	El Dara	El Dara	Pike
453	New Hartford	New Hartford	Pike
565	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	Pike
569	Time	Time	Pike
790	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Pike
806	Nebo	Nebo	Pike
8[illegible]	New Canton	New Canton	Pike
830	Rockport	Rockport	Pike
910	Hull	Hull	Pike

W. W. Watson, D. D. G. M., Barry.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
1	Bodley	Quincy	Adams
39	Herman	Quincy	Adams
114	Marcelline	Marcelline	Adams
135	Lima	Lima	Adams
147	Clayton	Clayton	Adams
227	Columbus	Columbus	Adams
266	Kingston	Fairweather	Adams
267	La Prairie	Golden	Adams
296	Quincy	Quincy	Adams
297	Benjamin	Camp Point	Adams
379	Payson	Payson	Adams
380	Liberty	Liberty	Adams
449	Mendon	Mendon	Adams
529	Adams	Plainville	Adams
659	Lambert	Quincy	Adams
893	Loraine	Loraine	Adams

Emmett Howard, D. D. G. M., Quincy.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
792	Calhoun	Harden	Calhoun
856	West Gate	Hamburg	Calhoun
341	Full Moon	Grafton	Jersey
394	Jerseyville	Jerseyville	Jersey
592	Fieldon	Fieldon	Jersey
50	Carrollton	Carrollton	Greene
80	Whitehall	Whitehall	Greene
129	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greene
197	King Solomon	Kane	Greene
796	E. M. Husted	Roodhouse	Greene
105	Winchester	Winchester	Scott
229	Manchester	Manchester	Scott
424	Exeter	Exeter	Scott
846	Bluffs	Bluffs	Scott

Ralph M. Riggs, D. D. G. M., Winchester.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
76	Mt. Nebo	Carlinville	Macoupin
151	Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	Macoupin
152	Fidelity	Medora	Macoupin
161	Virden	Virden	Macoupin
171	Girard	Girard	Macoupin
177	Staunton	Staunton	Macoupin
212	Shipman	Shipman	Macoupin
214	Gillespie	Gillespie	Macoupin
249	Hibbard	Brighton	Macoupin
426	Scottville	Scottville	Macoupin
445	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	Macoupin
461	Plainview	Plainview	Macoupin
463	Palmyra	Palmyra	Macoupin
874	Nifong	Modesto	Macoupin

C. H. Burgdorff, D. D. G. M., Carlinville.

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
906	Coffeen	Coffeen	Montgomery
51	Mountain Moriah	Hillsboro	Montgomery
236	Charter Oak	Litchfield	Montgomery
255	Donnelson	Donnellson	Montgomery
455	Irving	Irving	Montgomery
456	Nokomis	Nokomis	Montgomery
475	Walshville	Walshville	Montgomery
517	Litchfield	Litchfield	Montgomery
670	Fillmore	Fillmore	Montgomery
699	Raymond	Raymond	Montgomery
245	Greenville	Greenville	Bond
473	Gordon	Pocahontas	Bond
809	Gillham	Woburn	Bond
861	Sorento	Sorento	Bond

D. W. Starr, D. D. G. M., Raymond.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
122	Mound	Taylorville	Christian
226	Pana	Pana	Christian
340	Kedron	Mount Auburn	Christian
451	Bromwell	Assumption	Christian
585	Fisher	Grove City	Christian
623	Locust	Owaneco	Christian
647	Blueville	Edinburg	Christian
681	Morrisonville	Morrisonville	Christian
53	Jackson	Shelbyville	Shelby
180	Moweaqua	Moweaqua	Shelby
322	Windsor	Windsor	Shelby
392	Oconee	Oconee	Shelby
493	Tower Hill	Tower Hill	Shelby
544	Stewardson	Stewardson	Shelby
706	Joppa	Cowden	Shelby
831	Findlay	Findlay	Shelby

C. G. Young, D. D. G. M., Taylorville.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
35	Charleston	Charleston	Coles
179	Wabash	Etna	Coles
219	Oakland	Oakland	Coles
260	Mattorn	Mattoon	Coles
390	Ashmore	Ashmore	Coles
396	Muddy Point	Trilla	Coles
788	Lerna	Lerna	Coles
332	Tuscola	Tuscola	Douglas
366	Arcola	Arcola	Douglas
369	Newman	Newman	Douglas
440	Camargo	Camargo	Douglas
837	Hindsboro	Hindsboro	Douglas
885	Villa Grove	Villa Grove	Douglas
228	Lovington	Lovington	Moultrie
595	Miles Hart	Gays	Moultrie
764	Sullivan	Sullivan	Moultrie
825	Arthur	Arthur	Moultrie
884	Bethany	Bethany	Moultrie

J. E. Jeffers, D. D. G. M., Arcola.

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
125	Greenup	Greenup	Cumberland
279	Neoga	Neoga	Cumberland
580	Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	Cumberland
698	Hutton	Diona	Cumberland
834	Toledo	Toledo	Cumberland
133	Marshall	Marshall	Clark
313	York	York	Clark
442	Casey	Casey	Clark
603	Clark	Martinsville	Clark
620	Newhope	Cohn	Clark
77	Prairie	Paris	Edgar
148	Bloomfield	Chrisman	Edgar
268	Paris	Paris	Edgar
280	Kansas	Kansas	Edgar
408	Stratton	Vermilion	Edgar
743	Scott Land	Scott Land	Edgar
829	Edgar	Hume	Edgar

H. Gasaway, D. D G. M., Martinsville.

FORTIETH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
216	Newton	Newton	Jasper
489	Cooper	Willow Hill	Jasper
883	Wheeler	Wheeler	Jasper
136	Hutsonville	Hutsonville	Crawford
250	Robinson	Robinson	Crawford
348	Russelville	Flat Rock	Crawford
644	Oblong City	Oblong	Crawford
666	Crawford	Eaton	Crawford
756	Hardinsville	Hardinsville	Crawford
849	Palestine	Palestine	Crawford
140	Olney	Olney	Richland
362	Noble	Noble	Richland
509	Parkersburg	Parkersburg	Richland

W. H. Rupe, D.D.G.M., Olney.

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
149	Effingham	Effingham	Effingham
217	Mason	Mason	Effingham
484	Edgewood	Edgewood	Effingham
525	Delia	Elliottstown	Effingham
533	Altamount	Altamount	Effingham
578	Prairie City	Montrose	Effingham
602	Watson	Watson	Effingham
664	Mayo	Winterrowd	Effingham
665	Beecher City	Beecher City	Effingham
16	Temperance	Vandalia	Fayette
405	Ramsey	Ramsey	Fayette
601	Farina	Farina	Fayette
769	St. Elmo	St. Elmo	Fayette

C. O. Faught, D.D.G.M., Altamont.

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
196	Louisville	Louisville	Clay
204	Flora	Flora	Clay
485	Xenia	Xenia	Clay
488	Clay City	Clay City	Clay
691	Iola	Iola	Clay
130	Marion	Salem	Marion
201	Centralia	Centralia	Marion
398	Kinmundy	Kinmundy	Marion
503	Odin	Odin	Marion
510	J. D. Moody	Iuka	Marion
613	Patoka	Patoka	Marion
206	Fairfield	Fairfield	Wayne
331	Mount Erie	Mt. Erie	Wayne
460	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Wayne
713	Johnsonville	Johnsonville	Wayne
759	Orel	Wayne City	Wayne

Anthony Doherty, D.D.G.M., Clay City.

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
79	Scott	Carlyle	Clinton
109	Trenton	Trenton	Clinton
25	Franklin	Upper Alton	Madison
27	Piasa	Alton	Madison
99	Edwardsville	Edwardsville	Madison
355	Marine	Marine	Madison
406	Bethalto	Bethalto	Madison
560	Madison	New Douglas	Madison
583	Highland	Highland	Madison
588	Troy	Troy	Madison
712	Collinsville	Collinsville	Madison
835	Triple	Venice	Madison
877	Granite City	Granite City	Madison

Enos Johnson, D. D. G. M., Upper Alton.

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
24	St. Clair	Belleville	St. Clair
110	Lebanon	Lebanon	St. Clair
342	Summerfield	Summerfield	St. Clair
361	Douglas	Muscoutah	St. Clair
418	Freeburg	Freeburg	St. Clair
504	East St. Louis	East St. Louis	St. Clair
576	O'Fallon	O'Fallon	St. Clair
852	Gothic	East St. Louis	St. Clair
881	Marissa	Marissa	St. Clair
474	Columbia	Columbia	Monroe
787	Morris	Waterloo	Monroe
72	Chester	Chester	Randolph
86	Kaskaskia	Evansville	Randolph
162	Hope	Sparta	Randolph
427	Red Bud	Red Bud	Randolph
497	Alma	Steeleville	Randolph

Geo. S. Caughlin, D. D. G. M., East St. Louis.

FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
55	Washington	Nashville	Washington
153	Clay	Ashley	Washington
31	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson
368	Jefferson	Opdyke	Jefferson
696	Belle Rive	Belle Rive	Jefferson
721	Rome	Dix	Jefferson
64	Benton	Benton	Franklin
567	Frankfort	West Frankfort	Franklin
705	Ewing	Ewing	Franklin
741	Goode	Valier	Franklin
749	Akin	Thompsonville	Franklin
807	Royal	Macedonia	Franklin
85	Mitchell	Pinckneyville	Perry
207	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	Perry
234	Du Quoin	Du Quoin	Perry
UD	Sesser	Sesser	Franklin

T. S. Browning, D. D. G. M., Benton.

FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
912	Stellar	St. Francesville	Lawrence
164	Edward Dobbins	Lawrenceville	Lawrence
334	Sumner	Sumner	Lawrence
386	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Lawrence
447	S. D. Monroe	Birds	Lawrence
356	Hermitage	Albion	Edwards
866	West Salem	West Salem	Edwards
239	Mount Carmel	Mount Carmel	Wabash
752	Allendale	Allendale	Wabash
200	Sheba	Grayville	White
272	Carmi	Carmi	White
668	Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	White
677	Enfield	Enfield	White
718	May	Norris City	White

J. R. Ennis, D. D. G. M., Burnt Prairie.

FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
137	Polk	McLeansboro	Hamilton
630	Tuscan	Walpole	Hamilton
807	Royal	Macedonia	Hamilton
128	Raleigh	Raleigh	Saline
325	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Saline
495	Stone Fort	Stone Fort	Saline
684	Gallatia	Gallatia	Saline
730	Eldorado	Eldorado	Saline
2	Equality	Equality	Gallatin
14	Warren	Shawneetown	Gallatin
230	New Haven	New Haven	Gallatin
723	Omaha	Omaha	Gallatin
816	Ridgway	Ridgway	Gallatin

I. A. Foster, D. D. G. M., New Haven.

FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
241	Shekinah	Carbondale	Jackson
287	De Soto	De Soto	Jackson
434	Makanda	Makanda	Jackson
498	Murphysboro	Murphysboro	Jackson
657	La Fayette	Grand Tower	Jackson
695	Shiloh Hill	Campbell Hill	Jackson
833	Dean	Ava	Jackson
89	Fellowship	Marion	Williamson
458	Blazing Star	Crab Orchard	Williamson
487	Andrew Jackson	Corinth	Williamson
693	Herrins Prairie	Herrin	Williamson
719	Chapel Hill	Wolf Creek	Williamson
729	Lake Creek	Johnston City	Williamson
802	Williamson	Carterville	Williamson
817	Creal Springs	Creal Springs	Williamson

W. D. Abney, D. D. G. M., Marion.

FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
150	Vienna	Vienna	Johnson
336	New Columbia	Ganntown	Johnson
339	Saline	Goreville	Johnson
419	Reynoldsburg	Tunnel Hill	Johnson
772	New Burnside	New Burnside	Johnson
778	Gurney	Grantsburg	Johnson
822	Belknap	Belknap	Johnson
111	Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Union
466	Cobden	Cobden	Union
520	Anna	Anna	Union
581	Dongola	Dongola	Union
627	Union	Lick Creek	Union
840	Alto Pass	Alto Pass	Union
237	Cairo	Cairo	Alexander

C. H. Thompson, D. D. G. M., Cairo.

FIFTIETH DISTRICT.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.
276	Elizabeth	Elizabethtown	Hardin
444	Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock	Hardin
794	Tadmor	Karber's Ridge	Hardin
131	Golconda	Golconda	Pope
672	Eddyville	Eddyville	Pope
701	Temple Hill	Temple Hill	Pope
771	Bay City	Hamletsburg	Pope
91	Metropolis	Metropolis	Massac
232	Farmers	Brookport	Massac
47	Caledonia	Olmsted	Pulaski
660	Grand Chain	Grand Chain	Pulaski
562	Trinity	Mound City	Pulaski

J. K. West, D. D. G. M., Brookport.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	CHARTERED.	BECAME DEF'T	REMARKS.
5	Far West	Galena	JoDaviess	April 29, 1840		Charter was never issued
6	Columbus	Columbus	Adams	April 29, 1840	1845-6	Surrendered
10	Joliet	Joliet	Will	Oct. 5, 1841	Oct. 15, 1845	Revoked
11	Cass	Virginia	Cass	Oct. 4, 1842		Rescinded and continued U. D.
12	Rising Sun	Montrose	Iowa*	Oct. 4, 1842	Oct. 3, 1843	Suspended
18	La Fayette	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 2, 1843	Oct. 1864	Arrested
21	Warsaw	Warsaw	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1843	May 9, 1847	Surrendered
22	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	Wisconsin*	Oct. 2, 1843		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Wisconsin
26	Hiram	Henderson	Knox	Oct. 7, 1844	March 22, 1902	Arrested
28	Monroe	Waterloo	Monroe	Oct. 7, 1844	1874-5	Arrested
30	Morning Star	Canton	Fulton	Oct. 6, 1845	July, 1875	Arrested
32	Apollo	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 6, 1845	Oct. 1848	Surrendered
41	Far West	Galena	Jo Daviess	Oct. 8, 1846	Oct. 6, 1852	Forfeited
54	Reclamation	Nauvoo	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1848	July 5, 1882	Surrendered
56	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Pike	Oct. 2, 1848	Oct. 27, 1886	Forfeited
62	Jerusalem	Oregon	Ogle	Oct. 3, 1848	Oct. 4, 1853	Forfeited
68	Naples	Naples	Scott	Oct. 2, 1849	Sept. 16, 1892	Arrested
70	Social	Hennepin	Putnam	Oct. 1849	Jan. 23, 1889	Surrendered
73	Batavia	Batavia	Kane	Oct. 1849	1859½	Surrendered
82	Metamora	Metamora	Woodford	Oct. 8, 1850	1884-85	Surrendered
83	Iroquois	Middleport	Iroquois	Oct. 8, 1850	1856½	No record
94	Morning Sun	Jerseyville	Jersey	Oct. 8, 1850	1862-63	Surrendered
101	Madison	Upper Alton	Madison	Oct. 6, 1851	1861-62	Surrendered
107	Fayette	Fayette	Greene	Oct. 6, 1851	Aug. 16, 1875	Arrested
120	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Morgan	Oct. 5, 1852	1854½	No record
121	Cataract	St. Anthony's Falls	Minnesota	Oct. 5, 1852		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Minnesota
163	Westfield	Westfield	Clark	Oct. 3, 1855	Dec. 20, 1894	Surrendered
167	Oswego	Oswego	Kendall	Oct. 2, 1855	Feb. 7, 1859	Surrendered
181	Moultrie	Sullivan	Moultrie	Oct. 2, 1855	May 5, 1879	Arrested
184	Nebraska	Belleview	Nebraska*	Oct. 3, 1855		Transferred to Jurisdiction of Nebraska
186	Fort Armstrong	Rock Island	Rock Island	Oct. 6, 1856	March 9, 1863	Consolidated with Trio No. 57
191	Xenia	Xenia	Clay	Oct. 9, 1856	July 27, 1871	Surrendered
198	Grand View	Grand View Dudley	Edgar	Oct. 6, 1856	Feb. 9, 1889	Surrendered
202	Sterling	Sterling	Whiteside	Oct. 6, 1856	1868	Annulled
215	Weir	Six Mile	Madison	Oct. 7, 1856	1861-2	Surrendered
223	Keeney	Edgington	Rock Island	Oct. 8, 1856	Jan. 12, 1889	Arrested
224	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant St Anna Farmer City	De Witt	Oct. 8, 1856	1870-71	No record
225	Owisco	Kankakee	Kankakee	Oct. 8, 1856	1862-63	Surrendered

242	Aegis	Annawan	Henry	Oct. 8, 1857	May 13, 1859	Arrested
256	Algonquin	Algonquin	McHenry	Oct. 6, 1858	Jan. 21, 1880	Surrendered
258	) Bonus	Bonus	Boone	Oct. 6, 1865		
	) Chemung	Chemung	McHenry		Aug. 26, 1885	Surrendered
259	New Berlin	New Berlin	Sangamon	Oct. 6, 1858	1874	Surrendered
281	Martinsville	Martinsville	Clark	Oct. 6, 1858	1865?	No record
284	Alton	Alton	Madison	Oct. 6, 1858	May 4, 1874	Consolidated with Piasa No. 27
289	Iroquois	Middleport	Iroquois	Oct. 7, 1858	1860?	No record
290	Cache	Mound City	Pulaski	Oct. 7, 1858	1875?	No record
299	Mechanicsburg	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	Oct. 5, 1859	March 20, 1897	Arrested
300	Hanover	Hanover	Jo Daviess	Oct. 5, 1859	Jan. 7, 1887	Surrendered
304	Cement	Utica	La Salle	Oct. 5, 1859	1883	Surrendered
315	Erwin	Alton	Madison	Oct. 5, 1859	Sept. 19, 1901	Consolidated with Piasa No. 27 as Piasa No. 27
317	New Liberty	New Liberty	Pope	Oct. 5, 1859	Sept. 10, 1879	Arrested
324	Waukegan	Waukegan	Lake	Oct. 5, 1859	Feb. 5, 1864	Cons'lid'ted with Union No.78 as Waukegan No.78
326	Chemung	Chemung	McHenry	Oct. 5, 1859	Dec. 23, 1861	Cons'lid'ted with Bonus No.258 as Chemung No.258
328	Grafton	Huntley	McHenry	Oct. 5, 1859	April 11, 1884	Surrendered
329	Durham	Durham	Hancock	Oct. 2, 1860	1868-69	Surrendered
338	Grand Detour	Grand Detour	Ogle	Oct. 2, 1860	1877-78	Arrested
343	Arcturus	Polo	Ogle	Oct. 2, 1860	1863?	No record
357	Eddy	Kingston	Peoria	Oct. 2, 1860	1869?	No record
370	Middleton	Middleton	Wayne	Oct. 8, 1862	April 19, 1878	Consolidated with Bell Rive No. 696
372	Galesburg	Galesburg	Knox	Oct. 8, 1862	Dec. 16, 1880	Surrendered
375	Isaac Underhill	Secor	Woodford	Oct. 8, 1862	1874?	No record
376	Ash Grove	Ash Grove	Iroquois	Oct. 8, 1862	1869?	No record
377	Archimedes	Belleville	St. Clair	Oct. 8, 1863	April 8, 1889	Consolidated with St. Clair Lodge No. 24
381	M. R. Thompson	Freeport	Stephenson	Oct. 8, 1863	Jan. 7, 1890	Consolidated with Excelsior Lodge No. 97
387	Greenbush	Greenbush	Warren	Oct. 8, 1863	May 28, 1889	Arrested
		Youngstown				
395	H. G. Reynolds	Whitefield	Bureau	Oct. 8, 1864	May 26, 1880	Surrendered
400	Pacific	Knoxville	Knox	Oct. 5, 1864	March 24, 1896	Conso'd'ted with Knoxville No. 66 as Pacific No.66
407	Blue Grass	Blue Grass	Vermilion	Oct. 5, 1864	April 12, 1882	Arrested
		Marysville				
413	Forreston	Forreston	Ogle	Oct. 5, 1864	Dec. 4, 1876	Consolidated with S. H. Davis Lodge No. 96
425	Kaneville	Kaneville	Kane	Oct. 4, 1865	July, 1883	Surrendered
435	Neponset	Neponset	Bureau	Oct. 4, 1865	July 12 1881	Surrendered
438	H. W. Bigelow	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 4, 1865	March 27, 1875	Surrendered
439	Luce	Quincy	Adams	Oct. 4, 1865	Jan. 17, 1899	Surrendered
452	Grant	Richview	Washington	Oct. 4, 1865	July 21, 1887	Surrendered
457	Moscow	Moscow	Union	Oct. 4, 1865	July 9, 1898	Arrested
459	Butler	Butler	Montgomery	Oct. 3, 1866	May 18, 1887	Surrendered
480	Logan	Lincoln	Logan	Oct. 3, 1866	Sept. 26, 1889	Consolidated with Lincoln No.210 as Logan No.210
483	Belle City	Belle City	Hamilton	Oct. 3, 1866	March 27, 1880	Arrested
494	Bath	Bath	Mason	Oct. 3, 1866	Dec. 19, 1895	Surrendered
499	Mt. Zion	Mt. Zion	Macon	Oct. 3, 1866	1874-75	Consolidated with Ionic Lodge No. 312
507	Manteno	Manteno	Kankakee	Oct. 3, 1866	March 14, 1878	Arrested
511	Clintonville	South Elgin	Kane	Oct. 3, 1866	April 7, 1897	Consolidated with Elgin Lodge No. 117
513	Cold Spring	Cold Spring	Shelby	Oct. 1, 1867	July 27, 1882	Arrested

DEFUNCT LODGES.—Continued.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	CHARTERED.	BECAME DEF'T	REMARKS.
515	Dement	Dement	Ogle	Oct. 1, 1867	Jan. 25, 1886	Consolidated with Malta No. 320 as Creston No. 320
545	Elkhart	Elkhart	Logan	Oct. 1, 1867	Feb. 21, 1887	Surrendered
546	Nilwood	Nilwood	Macoupin	Oct. 1, 1867	1876–77	Surrendered
548	Apple River	Apple River	Jo Daviess	Oct. 1, 1867	March 4, 1898	Arrested
549	Newark	Newark	Kendall	Oct. 1, 1867	1884–5	Surrendered
551	Darwin	Darwin	Clark	Oct. 1, 1867	Aug. 25, 1887	Surrendered
553	Kyle	Macomb	McDonough	Oct. 1, 1867	1876–77	Surrendered
561	Trinity	Monmouth	Warren	Oct. 1, 1867	Jan. 28, 1886	Surrendered
563	Hamilton	Otterville	Jersey	Oct. 1, 1867	1886	
568	Delta	Cairo	Alexander	Oct. 1, 1867	Feb. 23, 1874	Consolidated with Cairo Lodge No. 237
571	Owisco	Kankakee	Kankakee	Oct. 1, 1867	1869	Surrendered
579	Elbridge	Ferrell	Edgar	Oct. 6, 1868	May 15, 1897	Surrendered
586	Tazewell	Delevan	Tazewell	Oct. 6, 1868	1874–75	Consolidated with Delavan Lodge No. 156
589	Elwood	Humbolt	Coles	Oct. 6, 1868	July 18, 1891	Surrendered
593	W. M. Egan	Jefferson	Cook	Oct. 6, 1868	Aug. 1872	Arrested
594	Lodi	Lodi	Kane	Oct. 6, 1868	April 19, 1876	Surrendered
596	National	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 6, 1868	March 13, 1894	Arrested
597	Lostant	Lostant	LaSalle	Oct. 6, 1868	Jan. 14, 1888	Surrendered
598	Dorchester	Dorchester	Macoupin	Oct. 6, 1868	Oct. 29, 1884	Surrendered
599	Fowler	Fowler	Adams	Oct 6, 1868	Feb. 24, 1879	Surrendered
605	Allen	) Allen) Stanford	McLean	Oct 6, 1868	May 5, 1886	Arrested
606	Wapella	Wapella	DeWitt	Oct. 6, 1868	May 26, 1874	Surrendered
615	Anchor	Mason City	Mason	Oct. 5, 1869	1874–75	Consolidated with Mason City Lodge No. 403
619	Berwick	Cameron	Warren	Oct. 5, 1869	July 11, 1905	Arrested
621	Venice	Venice	Madison	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 21, 1886	Surrendered
624	Dubois	Dubois	Washington	Oct. 5, 1869	Sept. 1883	Surrendered
625	Melrose	Melrose	Clark	Oct. 5, 1869	May 4, 1877	Arrested
626	Putnam	Granville	Putnam	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 29, 1871‡	No record
628	Mosaic	Hudson	McLean	Oct. 5, 1869	Aug. 21, 1882	Arrested
629	Old Time	Havana	Mason	Oct. 5, 1869	Feb. 14, 1877	Consolidatedwith Havana Lodge No. 88
637	Burlington	Burlington	Kane	Oct. 6, 1869	Dec. 21, 1876	Surrendered
638	Fortitude	Sagetown	Henderson	Oct. 6, 1869	March 10, 1884	Arrested
640	Coleta	Coleta	Whiteside	Jan.7, 1870	1874‡	No record
649	Hinsdale	Hinsdale	DuPage	Oct. 4, 1870	Feb. 16, 1895	Arrested
650	Irvington	Irvington	Washington	Oct. 4, 1870	Aug. 31, 1891	Surrendered
652	Polar Star	Mulkeytown	Franklin	Oct. 4, 1870	Aug. 10, 1888	Arrested
654	Woodford	ElPaso	Woodford	Oct. 4, 1870	March 5, 1877	Surrendered
661	Bethesda	) Potosi) Colfax	Livingston McLean	Oct. 5, 1870	March 1, 1886	Arrested
633	Phoenix	Mapleton	Peoria	Oct. 3, 871	Feb. 12, 1901	Arrested

671	Farina	Farina	Marion	Oct. 3, 1871	April 1, 1880	Surrendered
678	Sheffield	Sheffield Rockbridge	Greene	Oct. 3, 1871	May 20, 1886	Arrested
689	Advance	Galva	Henry	Oct. 1, 1872	Nov. 28, 1876	Surrendered
694	Center	Pana	Christian	Oct. 1, 1872	Jan. 14, 1887	Surrendered
699	Libanus	Rosemond	Christian	Oct. 7, 1873	Sept. 21, 1875	Arrested
703	St. Andrews	Chicago	Cook	Oct. 8, 1873	March 20, 1885	Surrendered
707	Circle	Mattoon	Coles	Oct. 8, 1873	April 23, 1896	Consolidated with Mattoon Lodge No. 260
708	Lemont	Lemont	Cook	Oct. 8, 1873	Sept. 7, 1897	Surrendered
720	Varna	Varna	Marshall	Oct. 7, 1874	May 13, 1882	Surrendered
736	Dennison	Dennison McKeen	Clark	Oct. 3, 1876	Dec. 22, 1888	Surrendered
740	Grant Park	Grant Park	Kankakee	Oct. 3, 1876	May 15, 1895	Surrendered
753	Cornell	Cornell	Livingston	Oct. 2, 1877	Sept. 1, 1888	Arrested
760	Bellflower	Bellflower	McLean	Oct. 5, 1881	July 13, 1886	Surrendered
775	Omega	Charleston	Coles	Oct. 6, 1886	Dec. 9, 1899	Consolidated with Charleston Lodge No. 35
781	Colchester	Colchester	McDonough	Oct. 6, 1886	Jan. 21, 1902	Consolidated with Tennessee Lodge No. 496 as Colchester Lodge, No. 496
828	Trinity	Mound City	Pulaski	Oct. 4, 1893	Jan. 1, 1896	Consol'd with Villa Ridge, No. 562 as Trinity No. 562
785	Stanford	Stanford	McLean	Oct. 3, 1888	April 30, 1903	Surrendered
714	Newtown	Collison	Vermilion	Oct. 7, 1874		Consolidated with Hopewell No. 844 as Collison
844	Hopewell	Hope	Vermilion	Oct. 30, 1895		Consolidated with Newtown No. 714 as Collison

*State. †Constituted; no date given when chartered. ‡Records cease.

TABULAR STATEMENT—*Showing Amount of Dues, Number of Members, Increase, Decrease, and Amount of Charity.*

Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Members residing in Illinois	Members residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Members, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
1	Bodley	Quincy	Adams	253		5	2	3	10				4	3	7	256	$230 40	1	5	3	223	33	$240 00		
2	Equality	Equality	Gallatin	37							1				1	36	32 40		3		33	3			
3	Harmony	Jacksonville	Morgan	202		13	1	2	16		2		6	2	10	208	187 20	5	12	12	195	13	131 50	6 50	
4	Springfield	Springfield	Sangamon	206		10	3	7	20		3		3	3	9	217	195 30		10	10	181	36	22 00	5 00	
7	Friendship	Dixon	Lee	208		8	5		13				4	2	6	215	193 50	1	5	7	191	24	40 00		
8	Macon	Decatur	Macon	556		31	1	16	48	1	4		9	7	21	583	522 90	11	34	35	486	97	569 80	2 70	$2 50
9	Rushville	Rushville	Schuyler	88		8	2		10				3		3	95	85 50	2	8	8	86	9			
13	St. John's	Peru	LaSalle	124		2		2	4				1	1	2	126	113 40	2	3	2	116	10	20 00		
14	Warren	Shawneetown	Gallatin	50		11		2	13			..	2	1	3	6	54 00	2	7	10	44	16	20 00	60 00	
15	Peoria	Peoria	Peoria	530		31	2	4	37		7		6	6	19	548	492 30	17	30	32	494	54	656 90	1 10	
16	Temperance	Vandalia	Fayette	77		4	1		5		2				2	80	72 00		3	3	71	9	19 13		
17	Macomb	Macomb	McDonough	190		3		1	4		3		5	1	9	185	166 50	1	4	4	174	11			
19	Clinton	Petersburg	Menard	173		3		2	5		1		2		3	175	157 50	4	4	3	160	15	5 00		
20	Hancock	Carthage	Hancock	141		7	1	3	11			..	2	3	5	147	132 30		10	10	136	11	36 00		
23	Cass	Beardstown	Cass	145		3		1	4		2		1	2	5	144	129 60	1	5	5	130	14	51 60	36 40	
24	St. Clair	Belleville	St. Clair	141		5	1	4	10				2	3	5	146	131 40	2	7	7	128	18	50 00	10 00	
25	Franklin	Upper Alton	Madison	90		3	1	1	5				2	2	4	91	81 90	1	2	2	82	9	21 75	1 00	
27	Piasa	Alton	Madison	167		4	1	2	7			1	1	5	7	167	150 30		5	5	149	18	187 00	78 00	
29	Pekin	Pekin	Tazewell	110		4		2	6		3				3	113	101 70	1	4	3	100	13			
31	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	132		9		3	12		2		2	4	8	136	122 40	2	10	9	125	11			
33	Oriental	Chicago	Cook	482		36	4	2	42		11		4	6	21	503	452 70	5	31	31	468	35	350 00	100 00	25 00
34	Barry	Barry	Pike	116		2		1	3				3		3	116	104 40	1	2	2	98	18			
35	Charleston	Charleston	Coles	164		17	1	4	22		2		3	3	8	178	160 20	3	13	15	156	22	267 50		
36	Kavanaugh	Elizabeth	Jo Daviess	64		3		..	3		1		13		14	53	47 70		3	3	48	5			
37	Monmouth	Monmouth	Warren	163		12	1	4	17		1		5		6	174	156 60	4	11	10	140	34	15 00		
38	Olive Branch	Danville	Vermilion	388		38	3	10	51		5		5	7	17	422	379 80	13	31	35	360	63	150 00	25 00	
39	Herman	Quincy	Adams	117		3		1	4		2		2	4	8	113	101 70	3	3	3	99	14	27 35	40 00	
40	Occidental	Ottawa	LaSalle	206		17	1	6	24		2		5	6	13	217	195 30	2	15	17	196	21	71 00	12 33	
42	Mt. Joliet	Joliet	Will	362		29		5	34		2		6	4	12	384	345 60	6	29	30	315	69	249 18	8 25	
43	Bloomington	Bloomington	McLean	286	..	15	2	8	25		3		5	4	12	299	269 10	6	15	15	269	30	150 00	10 00	
44	Hardin	Mt. Sterling	Brown	100		10	2	2	14				2		2	112	100 80	1	12	10	109	12			
45	Griggsville	Griggsville	Pike	74		5			5				2	1	3	76	68 40	3	6	5	61	15	63 62		
46	Temple	Peoria	Peoria	852		22	1	9	32		12		9	13	34	850	762 30	14	24	22	757	93	576 94		14 15

47	Caledonia	Olmsted	Pulaski	44		8			8				1		1	51	$ 45	90		10	8	51							
48	Unity	St. Charles	Kane	86		7		2	9		4		2		6	89	80	10	1	9	9	82	9						
49	Cambridge	Cambridge	Henry	81		5	1	1	7					3	3	85	76	50		5	5	70	15						
50	Carrollton	Carrollton	Greene	137		7		1	8	2			4	2	8	139	125	10	7	8	8	129	10						
51	Mt. Moriah	Hillsboro	Montgom'y.	100		9			9				2	5	7	102	91	80	2	13	12	96	6						
52	Benevolent	Meredosia	Morgan	51		8	1		9							60	54	00	2	10	8	56	4						
53	Jackson	Shelbyville	Shelby	130		6	1		7		3		1	2	7	130	117	00	1	8	6	116	14	$ 39	25	$ 5 00			
55	Washington	Nashville	Washingt'n	56		7			7				1		1	62	55	80		6	7	50	12						
57	Trio	Rock Island	Rock Island	252		17	1	5	23				1	6	16	259	233	10	3	22	17	247	32	159	00				
58	Fraternal	Monticello	Piatt	110		6		1	7				1		1	116	104	40	1	7	6	106	10						
59	New Boston	New Boston	Mercer	81		8		2	10		1				1	90	81	00		9	8	81	9	10	00				
60	Belvidere	Belvidere	Boone	272		15	3	1	19		3		8	2	13	278	250	20	4	13	12	241	37	58	45	35 00			
61	Lacon	Lacon	Marshall	62		5	1	2	8		3		3		6	61	57	60	2	5	5	59	5						
63	St. Marks	Woodstock	McHenry	106		6	1	3	10				1	1	2	114	102	60	2	5	5	101	13						
64	Benton	Benton	Franklin	106		7	1	1	9		1		3	3	7	108	97	20	4	6	7	100	8						
65	Euclid	Naperville	Du Page	100		9	1	1	11				2	3	5	106	95	40		8	8	96	10						
66	Pacific	Knoxville	Knox	62		2		1	3				1	1	2	63	56	70	1	2	2	57	6						
67	Acacia	La Salle	La Salle	145		10	1	2	13				3	4	7	151	135	90	8	15	13	134	17	60	00	26 00			
69	Eureka	Milan	Rock Island	48		2			2		1				1	49	44	10		4	2	43	6						
71	Central	Springfield	Sangamon	199		20	1	10	31		5		1	3	9	221	198	90	5	27	23	202	19	15	00	10 00			
72	Chester	Chester	Randolph	55		5		3	8		1				1	62	55	80	2	5	5	52	10						
74	Rockton	Rockton	Winnebago	65		12			12		1		2	1	4	73	65	70		16	13	62	11						
75	Roscoe	Roscoe	Winnebago	58		3			3							61	54	90		5	5	45	16						
76	Mt. Nebo	Carlinville	Macoupin	112		3		2	5				1	1	2	115	103	50	1	3	3	102	13						
77	Prairie	Paris	Edgar	290		16	1	1	18		5		2	9	16	292	562	80	3	17	16	243	49	142	73				
78	Waukegan	Waukegan	Lake	331		19		3	22				5	2	7	346	311	40	8	19	19	308	38	2	00	8 5			
79	Scott	Carlyle	Clinton	47		2		2	4		1			3	4	47	42	30	1	2	2	39	8	30	80				
80	Whitehall	Whitehall	Greene	76		3		2	5				1	4	5	76	68	40		2	2	68	8	60	00				
81	Vitruvius	Wheeling	Cook	62		1			1							63	56	70		2	1	55	8						
84	DeWitt	Clinton	DeWitt	168		16		5	21		3		2	5	10	179	160	20	9	13	15	160	19	37	50				
85	Mitchell	Pinckneyville	Perry	94		4			4				3	1	4	94	84	60	1	4	3	86	8	96	91	77 10			
86	Kaskaskia	Ellis Grove	Randolph	29		2			2				1	1	2	29	26	10		2	1	25	4						
87	Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	Logan	76		1		3	4	1	1			2	4	76	67	50	1	5	3	72	4	7	00	15 00			
88	Havana	Havana	Mason	97		2	1	1	4					1	1	100	90	00	2	4	2	94	6						
89	Fellowship	Marion	Williamson	112		4		3	7				2	1	3	116	104	40	5	2	5	114	2						
90	Jerusal'mTemple	Aurora	Kane	253		13		5	18		6		3	4	13	258	232	20	2	22	15	247	11	125	97	1 00			
91	Metropolis	Metropolis	Massac	106		4		1	5		2		1	1	4	107	96	30	8	4	4	99	8						
92	Stewart	Geneseo	Henry	135		8			8		1			3	4	139	125	10		8	6	127	12						
93	Toulon	Toulon	Stark	73		4		1	5				3		3	75	67	50		6	3	69	6						
95	Perry	Perry	Pike	68	1				1				4	1	5	64	57	60	1			51	10	8	50				
96	Samuel H. Davis	Mt. Morris	Ogle	56		2		1	33				2	2	4	55	49	50		4	2	49	6	123	88				
97	Excelsior	Freeport	Stephenson	251		17	2	4	23		8		4	11	23	351	315	90	7	21	17	300	51	104	75				
98	Taylor	Washington	Tazewell	90		6			6					4	4	92	82	80		6	6	82	10						
99	Edwardsville	Edwardsville	Madison	111		15		1	16							127	114	30	4	13	13	109	18			1 00			
100	Astoria	Astoria	Fulton	67		10		2	12							79	71	10	1	10	10	68	11						
102	Rockford	Rockford	Winnebago	338		27	4	7	38		2		1	2	5	371	333	90	2	32	29	343	28	121	00				
103	Magnolia	Putnam	Putnam	69		4		1	5				2	1	3	71	63	90	2	4	3	68	3	15	00				
104	Lewistown	Lewistown	Fulton	88		6		1	7				2	1	3	92	82	80	1	4	6	87	5	40	00				

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase: Add for error	Increase: Raised	Increase: Reinstated	Increase: Admitted	Total Increase	Decrease: Ded. for error	Decrease: Suspended	Decrease: Expelled	Decrease: Dimitted	Decrease: Died	Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membe'p residing in Illinois	Mem'rs residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Memb'rs, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
105	Winchester	Winchester	Scott	61	...	22	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	1	1	62	$ 55 80	...	3	2	55	7	...	...	...
106	Lancaster	Glasford	Peoria	105	...	27	...	1	28	...	2	...	...	...	3	110	99 00	...	10	9	106	4	$ 10 05	...	...
108	Versailles	Versailles	Brown	61	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	59	53 10	...	1	1	58	1	...	...	...
109	Trenton	Clinton	Clinton	44	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	41 40	...	2	2	42	4	...	$ 1 00	...
110	Lebanon	Lebanon	St. Clair	43	1	2	...	3	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	48	43 20	...	2	2	38	10	...	...	...
111	Jonesboro	Union	Union	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	61	54 90	...	3	2	54	7	...	...	...
112	Bureau	Princeton	Bureau	62	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	4	59	53 10	...	1	1	57	2	...	...	...
113	Robert Burns	Keithsburg	Mercer	69	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	2	3	69	63 00	...	3	2	54	15	...	...	...
114	Marcelline	Marcelline	Adams	54	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	57	51 30	...	4	4	51	6	...	...	...
115	Rising Sun	Gray's Lake	Lake	85	...	10	...	...	10	...	1	...	...	1	2	93	83 70	...	10	10	80	7	...	...	...
116	Vermont	Fulton	Fulton	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	4	51	45 90	...	1	1	48	3	...	...	...
117	Elgin	Elgin	Kane	295	...	21	...	5	26	...	7	...	2	6	16	307	276 30	...	32	25	284	27	...	...	...
118	Waverly	Waverly	Morgan	9	2	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	82 80	...	...	...	82	10	10 00	...	...
119	Henry	Henry	Marshall	79	3	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	3	1	6	76	68 40	...	4	3	66	10	...	...	...
122	Mound	Taylorville	Christian	140	9	...	...	2	11	...	...	...	1	3	4	147	132 30	...	4	3	135	12	70 00	...	...
123	Oquawka	Oquawka	Henderson	56	3	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	1	2	3	59	53 10	...	4	3	49	10	...	...	...
124	Cedar	Morris	Grundy	151	11	...	...	...	11	...	2	...	...	2	4	158	142 20	...	7	5	141	14	...	...	...
125	Greenup	Greenup	Cumberl'nd	45	6	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	49	41 10	...	5	5	45	4	...	...	...
126	Empire	Pekin	Tazewell	104	3	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	2	3	106	95 40	...	4	4	104	2	...	...	...
127	Antioch	Milburn	Lake	72	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	3	70	63 00	...	1	1	61	6	...	...	...
128	Raleigh	Raleigh	Saline	51	...	4	...	1	5	...	2	...	2	...	4	49	44 10	...	1	1	46	3	...	...	...
129	Greenfield	Greenfield	Greene	71	...	4	...	...	4	...	2	...	2	...	4	72	64 80	...	5	...	70	2	...	...	...
130	Marion	Salem	Marion	108	20	...	1	4	25	...	1	...	2	...	3	125	115 20	...	13	21	123	5	67 00	...	...
131	Golconda	Golconda	Pope	61	2	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	2	63	54 90	...	5	4	60	1	...	...	...
132	Mackinaw	Mackinaw	Tazewell	46	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	50	45 00	...	6	7	48	2	15 00	...	...
133	Marshall	Marshall	Clark	93	8	...	2	1	11	...	...	...	2	1	3	101	90 90	...	5	8	82	19	...	...	...
134	Sycamore	Sycamore	DeKalb	175	7	...	2	...	9	...	...	...	1	5	6	179	161 10	...	10	7	145	34	85 50	25 00	...
135	Lima	Lima	Adams	46	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	3	46	41 40	...	2	2	43	3	...	...	...
136	Hutsonville	Hutsonville	Crawford	28	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	25 20	...	1	1	27	1	...	...	...
137	Polk	McLeansboro	Hamilton	91	6	...	2	...	8	...	...	...	3	...	3	94	84 60	...	9	9	77	17	...	...	...
138	Marengo	Marengo	McHenry	78	4	7	1	...	12	...	...	...	...	2	2	81	72 90	2	3	4	75	6	25 00	...	...
139	Geneva	Geneva	Kane	74	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	2	2	79	71 10	1	8	6	69	10	...	...	...
140	Olney	Olney	Richland	90	10	...	...	2	12	...	1	...	...	1	4	98	88 20	2	7	9	89	9	...	...	...
141	Garden City	Chicago	Cook	1262	77	7	...	7	91	...	13	...	...	1	14	1319	1187 10	35	88	77	1225	94	1 07 20	115 60	$10 00

142	Ames	Sheffield	Bureau	61		3	1		4					1	1	64	$ 57 60		4	3	61	3								
143	Richmond	Richmond	McHenry	68		2			2		1		2		3	67	60 30			2	60	7								
144	DeKalb	De Kalb	De Kalb	192		6			6		15		4	1	20	178	160 20	6	9	8	161	17	$ 167 68							
145	A. W. Rawson	Pecatonica	Winnebago	65		5		1	6				3	1	4	67	60 30	3	8	5	57	10								
146	Lee Center	Lee Center	Lee	52		3			3				1		1	54	48 60	1	5	5	44	10								
147	Clayton	Clayton	Adams	64		2		2	4		1		1	4	6	62	55 80			2	52	10								
148	Bloomfield	Chrisman	Edgar	122		10	1		11		2			1	3	130	117 00		8	8	117	13								
149	Effingham	Effingham	Effingham	68		1	1	3	5				1		1	72	64 80		5	1	55	17								
150	Vienna	Vienna	Johnson	75		6		2	8				1	1	2	81	72 90		7	5	76	5								
151	Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill	Macoupin	76		4			4				1		1	79	71 10		2	4	67	12								
152	Fidelity	Medora	Macoupin	52		1		1	2				1	3	4	50	44 10		1	1	47	3	23 00		$10 00					
153	Clay	Ashley	Washington	79		10		3	13				3	1	4	88	79 20	1	13	11	74	14	133 00	$ 2 00						
154	Russell	Georgetown	Vermilion	81		10	1	1	12				1	1	2	91	81 90		9	9	88	3								
155	Alpha	Galesburg	Knox	181		8		3	11		7		7	5	19	173	155 70	2	8	8	153	20	43 95	12 2						
156	Delavan	Delavan	Tazewell	87		5		2	7				1	2	3	91	81 90		6	6	83	8	10 00		10 00					
157	Urbana	Urbana	Champaign	308		17		2	19				4	2	6	321	288 90	1	17	16	288	98	348 00	5 0	5 00					
158	McHenry	McHenry	McHenry	74	1	3		1	5				2	1	3	76	68 40		6	4	64	12								
159	Kewanee	Kewanee	Henry	198		7		2	9		9		5	5	19	188	169 20	4	6	6	162	26								
160	Waubansia	Chicago	Cook	309		25	1		26	2	18		6	7	33	302	271 80	4	26	30	271	31	376 87		10 00					
161	Virden	Virden	Macoupin	108		6		1	7			1	3	2	6	109	98 10	4	6	5	94	15								
162	Edward Dobbins	Lawrenceville	Lawrence	72		9	1	3	13				3	3	6	79	71 10		11	10	67	12		5 00						
164	Hope	Sparta	Randolph	74		6	1	2	9				2	1	3	80	72 00	1	9	7	72	8								
165	Atlanta	Atlanta	Logan	77		6			6				3	1	4	79	71 10	1	5	7	71	8								
166	Star in the East	Rockford	Winnebago	369		37		9	46				3	5	8	407	366 30	1	42	37	364	43								
168	Milford	Milford	Iroquois	72		7		2	9					3	3	78	70 20	2	8	8	64	14								
169	Nunda	Nunda	McHenry	70	1	1		1	3				1	2	3	70	63 00	2	4	2	68	2								
170	Evergreen	Freeport	Stephenson	166		13			13				3	1	4	175	157 50	3	15	14	169	6	27 00	8 00						
171	Girard	Girard	Macoupin	92		5			5				1	2	3	94	84 60		7	5	78	16								
172	Wayne	Waynesville	DeWitt	46		5	1		6				4	1	5	47	42 30		4	5	42	4								
173	Cherry Valley	Cherry Valley	Winnebago	61									1	1	2	59	53 10				55	4								
174	Lena	Lena	Stephenson	69		1	1	2	4							73	64 80	1	1	1	69	4	10 00							
175	Mattison	Joliet	Will	345		25		4	29				6	5	11	363	326 70	6	33	28	310	53		11 25						
176	Mendota	Mendota	La Salle	109		3			3				5	2	7	105	94 50	2	3	3	89	16								
177	Staunton	Staunton	Macoupin	115		16	1	1	18				3	3	6	127	114 30	6	16	15	113	14								
178	Illinois Central	Amboy	Lee	113		6		1	7		2		3	2	7	113	101 70	1	7	6	94	19	2 25							
179	Wabash	Etna	Coles	46							1		2	2	5	41	36 90	2			38	3	35 00							
180	Moweaqua	Moweaqua	Shelby	63		5	1	3	9				2	1	3	69	62 10		4	5	63	6								
182	Germania	Chicago	Cook	287		35			35				1	7	8	314	282 60	1	28	30	290	24	345 00							
183	Meridian	Earlville	La Salle	51		1			1		1		2		3	49	44 10		2	1	46	3	10 80							
185	Abingdon	Abingdon	Knox	95		3		1	4		1		5	1	7	92	82 80		5	3	81	11								
187	Mystic Tie	Polo	Ogle	81		2			2				4		4	79	71 10		3	2	62	17		25 00						
188	Cyrus	Mt. Carroll	Carroll	84		5		1	6				1	1	2	88	79 20		4	6	74	14								
189	Fulton City	Fulton	Whiteside	70		3		2	5				3		3	72	64 80	1	5	3	51	21	10 00							
190	Dundee	Dundee	Kane	133		11	1	2	14					1	1	146	131 40	1	12	11	134	12	25 00							
192	Farmington	Farmington	Fulton	122		8	1		9		2		4	4	10	121	108 90	3	3	6	105	16	86 30							
193	Herrick	Pontoosuc	Hancock	33							1		1		2	31	27 90		1	2	23	8								
194	Freedom	Freedom	LaSalle	53											2	31	27 90		1		25	5	170 55							
195	La Harpe	La Harpe	Hancock	126		8		4	12						3	2	5	133	114 30		11	9	113	20						

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Members residing in Illinois	Members residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Members, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
196	Louisville	Louisville	Clay	64		5	2	2	9				1		1	12	$ 63 00		8	6	71	1	$ 2 90		
197	King Solomon's	Kane	Greene	51		3			3				2			55	49 50		3	3	47	8	25 00		
199	Homer	Homer	Champaign	92		9			9		1		2			98	88 20	1	8	8	92	6			$ 6 00
200	Sheba	Grayville	White	38		6			6				1	2		41	36 90	2	8	7	37	4	22 50		
201	Centralia	Centralia	Marion	205		6	1	3	10				3	2	3	209	188 10		18	8	163	46	100 01	$19 81	
203	Lavely	Williamsville	Sangamon	66	1	9	2		12	4		2	2		8	70	63 00	3	7	9	67	3			
204	Flora	Flora	Clay	81		5	1	3	9				5	2	7	83	74 70		3	5	64	14			
205	Corinthian	Paw Paw	Lee	64		2	1	1	4				1		3	65	58 50		4	4	60	5			
206	Fairfield	Fairfield	Wayne	120		12	1	4	17				1	2	3	134	120 60		8	8	114	20			
207	Tamaroa	Tamaroa	Perry	49	1		2	1	4				2		2	51	45 90	1	6	3	43	8			
208	Wilmington	Wilmington	Will	86		7			7					2	2	91	81 90		9	7	83	8	5 00		
209	Wm. B. Warren	Chicago	Cook	464		28	1		29	1			4	6	11	482	433 80	8	33	29	437	45	743 5		
210	Logan	Lincoln	Logan	18		10		2	12		5		5	4	14	183	164 70		9	10	157	26	25 00	5 00	
211	Cleveland	Chicago	Cook	531		76	4	2	82		5		1	15	21	592	532 80	12	68	75	5 8	74	757 97	74 85	25 00
212	Shipman	Shipman	Macoupin	43		1			1		1				1	43	38 70		1	1	35	8			
213	Ipava	Fulton	Fulton	75		7		1	8				1	1	2	81	72 90		6	7	73	8	3 00		
214	Gillespie	Gillespie	Macoupin	62		7			7				2	1	3	66	59 40		6	6	61	5	64 00		
216	Newton	Newton	Jasper	89		10			10		4		1	3	8	91	81 9		7	8	83	8	90 10		
217	Mason	Mason	Effingham	47		1			1				1		1	47	42 30	1		1	44	3			
218	New Salem	New Salem	Pike	30		7		2	9				1	1	2	37	33 30	2	9	7	32	5			
219	Oakland	Oakland	Coles	113		7			7		1		3	1	5	115	103 50		9	9	105	10			
220	Mahomet	Mahomet	Champaign	38		5		2	7				1	1	2	43	38 70		4	4	42	1	41 65		5 00
221	Leroy	Leroy	McLean	70			1	2	3				1		1	72	64 80	3	1		67	5			
222	Geo. Washington	Chillicothe	Peoria	113	1	10	1	1	13			1	9	3	13	113	101 70	1	10	10	103	10			
226	Pana	Pana	Christian	193	1	17	1	5	24				5	3	8	209	188 10	3	17	19	199	10	35 00		
227	Columbus	Columbus	Adams	28		2			2	1			3		4	26	23 40				23	3			
228	Lovington	Lovington	Moultrie	100		4	1		5				1		1	104	93 60	2	5	4	98	6			
229	Manchester	Manchester	Scott	34		6			6				1		1	39	35 10		8	6	37	2			
230	New Haven	New Haven	Gallatin	73		3	1	1	5				1	2	3	75	67 50		4	4	69	6			
231	Wyanet	Wyanet	Bureau	47		1		1	2		1		1		2	47	42 30		2	1	42	5			
232	Farmers	Pellonia	Massac	74		2	1	3	6		1		1	1	3	77	69 30	3	3	3	76	1			
233	Blandinsville	McDonough		93		6		3	9				2		2	100	90 00	2	8	6	91	9			
234	DuQuoin	DuQuoin	Perry	105		6		2	8		3		3	4	10	103	92 70	4	3	3	91	12	108 05	5 00	
235	Dallas City	Dallas City	Hancock	69		10	1	2	13				2	3	5	77	69 30	2	8	9	70	7	85 00		

236	Charter Oak	Litchfield	Montgom'y	95		7	2	4	13		1		3	1	5	103	$ 92	70		7	8	83	20	$ 31	36				
237	Cairo	Cairo	Alexander	195		8	1	4	13		3		4	4	11	197	177	30	3	8	10	156	41	269	50				
238	Black Hawk	Hamilton	Hancock	6		1		1	2		2		1		3	61	54	90				57	4						
239	Mt. Carmel	Mt. Carmel	Wabash	135		21		3	24		5		2	2	9	150	135	00	6	19	16	138	12	83	15	$ 1	15		
240	Western Star	Champaign	Champaign	294		21	1	4	26				6	5	11	309	278	10		17	19	295	14			23	50		
241	Shekinah	Carbondale	Jackson	148		9	1	5	15		3		1	6	10	153	137	70	1	15	12	136	17						
243	Galva	Galva	Henry	128		12		1	13		1			2	3	138	124	20	4	13	11	127	11						
244	Horicon	Rochelle	Ogle	117		8			8		1		7	4	12	113	101	70	2	7	7	106	7						
245	Greenville	Greenville	Bond	83		12	3		15		1				1	97	87	30	1	9	12	77	20						
246	El Paso	El Paso	Woodford	103		2	2	2	6		5		4	2	11	98	88	20		4	2	90	8						
247	Rob Morris	Minonk	Woodford	57		4		1	5		1		4	1	6	56	50	40		4	4	50	6						
248	Golden Gate	Prairie City	McDonough	63		1		2	3							66	59	40		1	1	58	8						
249	Hibbard	Brighton	Macoupin	46		2			2					1	1	47	42	30		2	2	34	13						
250	Robinson	Robinson	Crawford	92		15		7	22				1		1	113	101	70	14	19	17	94	19	20	00	2	00		
251	Heyworth	Heyworth	McLean	78		18			18				1	2	3	93	83	70	2	22	21	81	12	8	25				
252	Aledo	Aledo	Mercer	133	3	12		2	17				4	4	8	142	127	80	3	7	10	138	4						
253	Avon Harmony	Avon	Fulton	45				1	1				1	1	2	44	39	60				39	5						
254	Aurora	Aurora	Kane	284		7	1	4	12		1		6	2	9	287	255	60	1	10	10	262	25						
255	Donnelson	Donnelson	Montgom'y	37		6	3		9		2		5		7	39	35	10		2	6	34	5	26	75				
257	Warsaw	Warsaw	Hancock	62			1		1				1		1	62	55	80				51	11						
260	Mattoon	Mattoon	Coles	219		9	1	4	14		2		4	4	10	253	227	70	3	19	12	207	46						
261	Amon	DeWitt	DeWitt	40		2			2				2		2	40	36	00	1	1	2	39	1						
262	Channahon	Channahon	Will	57		2			2					1	1	58	52	20		2	1	54	4						
263	Illinois	Peoria	Peoria	378		15		2	17		5		3	4	12	383	344	70	3	10	14	347	36						
264	Franklin Grove	Franklin Grove	Lee	32		2			2				1		1	33	29	70		3	2	27	6						
265	Vermilion	Indianola	Vermilion	50	2	2			4		2		1		3	51	45	90	3	1	2	40	11						
266	Kingston	Fairweather	Adams	42		3	1		4				1		1	45	40	50		2	3	42	3						
267	La Prairie	Golden	Adams	47		3	1	1	5				3		3	49	44	10			3	45	4	5	00				
268	Paris	Paris	Edgar	196		6	1	4	11		1		1	6	8	199	178	20	2	11	7	168	31	18	00	13	98		
269	Wheaton	Wheaton	DuPage	106		7		5	12		4		4	1	9	109	98	10	1	8	7	95	14	15	00	3	50	$10	00
270	Levi Lusk	Arlington	Bureau	31												31	27	90				25	6						
271	Blaney	Chicago	Cook	197		21		1	22		3		2	3	8	211	189	90	2	18	19	175	36	380	20				
272	Carmi	Carmi	White	85	1	3		2	6				2	1	3	88	79	20	1	1	3	78	10			30	00		
273	Miners	Galena	Jo Daviess	148		4	1		5					1	1	150	135	00	3	5	5	124	26			2	00		
274	Byron	Byron	Ogle	63		5			5				4		4	64	57	60	2	4	4	55	9						
275	Milton	Milton	Pike	59		1	1	1	3				2	1	3	59	53	10		2	1	49	10						
276	Elizabeth	Elizabethtown	Hardin	25	1	4	1		6				1	1	2	29	26	10	1	4	3	28	1						
277	Accordia	Chicago	Cook	152		12			12				1		1	163	146	70	3	11	11	158	5	25	00	15	00		
278	Jo Daviess	Warren	Jo Daviess	142		6		1	7				5	3	8	141	126	90		7	7	110	31	25	00				
279	Neoga	Neoga	Cumberl'nd	88	1	11			12				2	1	3	97	87	30	2	9	13	86	11						
280	Kansas	Kansas	Edgar	57		4		1	5				2	1	3	59	53	10		4	2	56	3						
282	Brooklyn	Compton	Lee	63		2			2							65	58	50	7	3	2	58	7						
283	Meteor	Sandwich	DeKalb	96		4		1	5				2	2	4	97	87	30	1	6	6	88	9	15	75				
285	Catlin	Catlin	Vermilion	105		3			3				2	4	6	102	91	80		1	3	100	2	49	50				
286	Plymouth	Plymouth	Hancock	74				1	1				7	1	8	67	60	30				60	7						
287	De Soto	De Soto	Jackson	113		11			11		3		1		4	120	108	00	3	10	11	113	7						
288	Genoa	Genoa	DeKalb	97		4		4	8		2			3	5	100	90	00		3	1	90	10	45	00				
291	Wataga	Wataga	Knox	39		1			1					1	1	39	35	10	1	2	1	31	8	5	00	3	00		

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1968	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1969	Dues 1969	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Number residing in Illinois	Members residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Members, their Widows and Orphans	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	Contributed to those not Members	
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
292	Chenoa	Chenoa	McLean	92		2	1		3				8	2	10	85	76 50	1	2	2	78	7			
293	Prophetstown	Prophetstown	Whiteside	79		1	1		3							82	73 80	1	4	1	76	6			
294	Pontiac	Pontiac	Livingston	135		9	4	2	15		2		3	2	7	143	128 70	4	13	8	124	19	$156 51		
295	Dills	West Point	Hancock	41		3			3							44	39 60		2	4	39	5			
296	Quincy	Quincy	Adams	212		3			3		2		4	4	10	205	181 50	1	4	3	155	50			
297	Benjamin	Camp Point	Adams	103		3		2	5		3			1	4	104	93 60	1	3	3	87	17			
298	Wauconda	Wauconda	Lake	47		4		2	6				3		3	50	45 00	3	6	3	45	5			
301	Hinckley	Hinckley	DeKalb	75	1	5		1	7				1		1	81	72 90		6	4	80	1			
302	Durand	Durand	Winnebago	65		2			2		..					67	60 30		1	2	58	9	20 00	$10 00	
303	Raven	Oswego	Kendall	39		5		1	6				1	2	3	42	37 80	1	4	5	40	2	10 00		
305	Onarga	Onarga	Iroquois	68		4		1	5		2		1	3	6	67	60 3		6	4	64	3	25 00		
306	W. C. Hobbs	Eureka	Woodford	83		3			3		1		1	4	6	80	72 00	1	2	2	71	6			
307	T. J. Pickett	Bushnell	McDonough	96		4	1		5					1	1	100	90 00	3	5	4	91	9	50 00		
308	Ashlar	Chicago	Cook	589		46	3	3	52		9		10	8	27	614	552 60	6	43	38	550	64	659 90	39 45	
309	Harvard	Harvard	McHenry	135		11			11				1	3	4	142	127 80	3	20	13	116	26	28 25		
310	Dearborn	Chicago	Cook	690		22	5	4	31		5		5	7	17	704	633 60	6	27	23	628	76	362 00	126 00	
311	Kilwinning	Chicago	Cook	619		28	4	3	35				6	5	11	643	577 80	13	31	30	559	81	625 50	50 00	
312	Ionic	Decatur	Macon	390		54		8	62	1	4		5	2	12	410	396 00	5	52	52	102	38			
313	York	West Union	Clark	75	1	7	1	2	11				2	1	3	83	74 70	2	6	8	78	5	80 00	20 00	
314	Palatine	Palatine	Cook	80	1	5		1	7				3		3	84	75 60	1	8	7	74	10			
316	Abraham Jonas	Loda	Iroquois	32		1		1	2				3		3	31	27 90		1	1	29	2			
318	J. L. Anderson	Augusta	Hancock	92		2		4	6		2	..	1	1	4	94	84 60		4	4	86	8	25 00		
319	Doric	Moline	Rock Island	252		8	1	3	12				1	1	2	262	235 80	8	15	14	230	32	115 00	3 00	
320	Creston	Creston	Ogle	50		1			1				3	3	6	45	40 50		1	1	41	1			
321	Dunlap	Morrison	Whiteside	103		1	1		2		1		3	1	5	100	90 00		3	2	86	14			
322	Windsor	Windsor	Shelby	71		5		1	6				1	1	2	75	67 50	1	5	5	67	8			
323	Orient	Lisbon	Kendall	36												36	32 40				31	5			
325	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Saline	127		14		3	17							144	129 60	6	17	15	131	10	18 00		
327	Industry	Industry	McDonough	57		1			1	1			2		3	55	49 50				50	5			
330	Altona	Altona	Knox	50		3	1	2	6		1		1	3	5	51	45 90		3	4	43	8			
331	Mt. Erie	Mt. Erie	Wayne	31		3	1		4				1	4	5	30	27 00		3	3	29	1			
332	Tuscola	Tuscola	Douglas	102		15		3	18		2		2		4	116	104 40	1	12	14	108	8	15 00		
333	Tyrian	Springfield	Sangamon	216		15		1	16				2	3	5	227	204 30	3	14	11	202	25	30 00		
334	Sumner	Sumner	Lawrence	105	..	5	2	2	9				5	2	7	107	95 40	1	4	4	90	17	65 00		

335	Schiller	Peoria	Peoria	134		3			3				1	2	3	134	$120 60		5	7	126	8	$100 00		
336	New Columbia	Ganntown	Massac	61		7	1	1	9		1		3		4	66	58 50		8	7	63	3			
337	Oneida	Oneida	Knox	66		4			4					2	2	68	61 20		6	4	63	5			
339	Saline	Goreville	Johnson	28		15		1	16							44	39 60		18	18	43	1	10 00		
340	Kedron	Mt. Auburn	Christian	56		1			1				3		3	54	48 60		2	1	51	3			
341	Full Moon	Grafton	Jersey	70								1	1	1	3	67	60 30				58	9			
342	Summerfield	Summerfield	St. Clair	24										1	1	23	20 70				19	4			
344	Wenona	Wenona	Marshall	52	1			2	3				2	1	3	52	46 80		1		47	5			
345	Milledgeville	Milledgeville	Carroll	74		7		2	9				3		3	80	72 00	1	4	6	67	13	2 75	$32 00	
346	N. D. Morse	Concord	Morgan	23	1	7			8					1	1	30	27 00		3	6	30				$ 5 00
347	Sidney	Sidney	Champaign	45		3	1	1	5		1			1	2	48	43 20		5	5	36	12	32 50		5 00
348	Russellville	Flat Rock	Crawford	42		7			7		8		4	2	14	35	31 50	1	11	7	34	1			
349	Sublette	Sublette	Lee	23		3			3							26	23 40		4	3	22	4			
350	Fairview	Fairview	Fulton	39	1	12			13				1		1	54	45 90		10	11	50	1			
351	Tarbolton	Fairbury	Livingston	126		6			6					2	2	130	117 00		4	6	98	32			
352	Groveland	Morton	Tazewell	34		4	1		5				1		1	38	34 20		4	4	29	9			
353	Kinderhook	Kinderhook	Pike	54		3		2	5				23	2	25	34	30 60		2	3	30	4	3 00		
354	Ark and Anchor	Auburn	Sangamon	80		2			2				2		2	80	72 00	1	3	2	74	6	20 00		
355	Marine	Marine	Madison	45		2			2					1	1	46	41 40		2	2	30	16			10 00
356	Hermitage	Albion	Edwards	66		6		1	7				1		1	72	64 80		6	6	65	7	9 00	15 00	
358	Orion	Union	McHenry	37		6	1		7		1		1	1	3	41	36 90		5	4	33	8	48 75		
359	Blackberry	Elburn	Kane	89		3		1	4				1	1	2	91	81 99		1	1	82	9			
360	Princeville	Princeville	Peoria	78		4			4				2		2	80	72 00		5	4	72	8	25 00		
361	Douglas	Mascoutah	St. Clair	42		3			3				3	1	4	41	36 90		4	4	37	4			
362	Noble	Noble	Richland	51		1			1		1		1	1	3	49	44 10		1	1	43	6	30 00		
363	Horeb	Elmwood	Peoria	81		2	2		4				5		5	80	72 00		4	3	72	8	10 15		
364	Tonica	Tonica	La Salle	63		1			1				3		3	61	54 90		1	1	53	8			
365	Bement	Bement	Piatt	86		5			5				2	3	5	86	77 40	1	7	5	81	5			
366	Arcola	Arcola	Douglas	117		7			7		3		7	2	12	112	100 80		5	7	107	5	121 21		
367	Oxford	New Windsor	Mercer	59									4	1	5	54	48 60		6	1	48	6			
368	Jefferson	Opdyke	Jefferson	20		5		1	6							26	23 40	1	7	5	25	1			
369	Newman	Newman	Douglas	85		3		2	5				1	2	3	87	78 30		5	4	76	11	3 75		
371	Livingston	Dwight	Livingston	93		7	1		8		4		4	2	10	91	81 90	1	6	7	83	8			
373	Chambersburg	Chambersburg	Pike	18												18	16 20				18				
374	Shabbona	Shabbona	DeKalb	42		11		2	13					1	1	54	48 60	3	13	12	46	8	18 25	2 00	
378	Aroma	Waldron	Kankakee	33		5		2	7				1	1	2	38	34 20		6	6	37	1	75 00		
379	Payson	Payson	Adams	82		3	1	2	6				3	2	5	83	74 70		2	2	73	10	41 00		
380	Liberty	Liberty	Adams	39		2			2				2		2	39	35 10		3	2	37	2		10 00	
382	Gill	Lynnville	Morgan	27		3			3				1		1	29	26 10	1	3	3	26	3			
383	LaMoille	La Moille	Bureau	57		2		1	3				2		2	58	52 20		3	2	51	7			
384	Waltham	Utica	La Salle	60		5			5		1		3	3	7	58	52 20		5	5	52	6			
385	Mississippi	Savanna	Carroll	175	1	5	1		7		3		4	4	11	171	153 90	6	6	6	129	42	20 00		
386	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	Lawrence	65		23		1	24				2	3	5	84	75 60	4	19	21	77	7			
388	El Dara	El Dara	Pike	44												44	39 60		1	1	39	5			
389	Kankakee	Kankakee	Kankakee	226		10	1	5	16		2		5	2	9	233	209 70	4	13	11	197	36		1 58	
390	Ashmore	Ashmore	Coles	62		3		1	4		5		2	1	8	58	52 20		2	2	51	7			
391	Tolono	Tolono	Champaign	81		10		3	13		3		2	1	6	88	79 20	1	11	11	80	8	25 00	15 00	
392	Oconee	Oconee	Shelby	42		2			2							44	39 60		2	2	38	6			

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Membe'p residing in Illinois	Mem'rs residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Memb'rs, their widows and orphans	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	Contributed to those not Members	
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
393	Blair	Chicago	Cook	462	1	43	1	2	47		5		4	7	16	493	$441 90	8	41	42	451	42	$253 95	$43 10	
394	Jerseyville	Jerseyville	Jersey	100		5			5		2		1	3	6	99	89 10	1	6	5	85	14			
396	Muddy Point	Trilla	Coles	38		1			1		1		2		3	36	32 40				33	3			
397	Shiloh	Troy Grove	La Salle	43		2			2				1		1	44	39 60		2	2	42	2	40 00		
398	Kinmundy	Kinmundy	Marion	82	1	10	1		12				1	2	3	91	81 90		9	10	85	6			$ 2 70
399	Buda	Buda	Bureau	46		2			2				3	1	4	44	39 60	1	1	2	36	8	10 00		
401	Odell	Odell	Livingston	47		2			2							49	44 10		2	2	44	5	9 35		
402	Kishwaukee	Kingston	De Kalb	53		2		1	3		2		1		3	53	47 70	3	3	2	49	4			
403	Mason City	Mason City	Mason	92		13		2	15				6	2	8	99	89 10	1	10	9	91	8	55 00		
404	Batavia	Batavia	Kane	92		17		2	19		3		2	1	6	105	94 50	2	22	21	88	17		25 00	
405	Ramsey	Ramsey	Fayette	68		2			2				2		2	68	61 20		1	2	64	7	8 00		
406	Bethalto	Bethalto	Madison	31		2			2				1		1	32	28 80			1	25	7			
408	Stratton	Vermilion	Edgar	63	3	7			10	1				2	3	70	63 00		5	7	61	9	41 75		
409	Thos. J. Turner	Chicago	Cook	351		38	3		41		6		4	5	15	377	339 30	5	46	44	352	25	435 40	40 40	10 00
410	Mithra	Chicago	Cook	150		12			12				1	6	7	155	139 50	4	8	9	150	5	20 00		
411	Hesperia	Chicago	Cook	660		26	3	1	30		12	1	2	13	28	662	595 80	6	29	26	569	93	308 84	35 00	
412	Bollen	Spring Hill	Whiteside	26			1		1				1		1	26	23 40				24	2			
414	Evening Star	Davis	Stephenson	46		1			1		1		1		2	45	40 50		2	1	34	11			
415	Lawn Ridge	Speer	Stark	38		2			2				2	1	3	37	33 30		8	5	33	4			
416	Paxton	Paxton	Ford	113		3		1	4		1		5	1	7	110	99 00		6	3	97	13	40 40		
417	Marseilles	Marseilles	La Salle	105		5	1	2	8		1		1	3	5	108	97 20		4	3	97	11			
418	Freeburg	Freeburg	St. Clair	46		2		1	3				1	2	3	46	41 40		1	2	42	4			
419	Reynoldsburg	Tunnell Hill	Johnson	32		1			1							33	29 70		1	1	32	1			
420	Oregon	Oregon	Ogle	110		12			12		3		5	1	9	113	128 70	3	12	9	138	5			
421	Washburn	Washburn	Woodford	50				1	1	1				1	2	49	44 10			1	45	4			
422	Landmark	Chicago	Cook	383		44	2	1	47		2	1	8	5	16	414	372 60	1	48	42	374	40	267 09		
423	Lanark	Lanark	Carroll	68		4	3		7	1			2	1	4	71	63 90		3	5	60	11			
424	Exeter	Exeter	Scott	28		3			3							31	27 90		3	3	25	6			
426	Scottville	Scottville	Macoupin	67		6			6		1		1	1	3	70	63 00	3	10	7	66	4			
427	Red Bud	Red Bud	Randolph	29		3		1	4				1	1	2	31	27 90		1	2	24	7			
428	Sunbeam	Plano	Kendall	90		4	1		5				3	2	5	90	81 00	3	5	4	78	12	50 00		
429	Chebanse	Chebanse	Iroquois	52		1	1		2				6	1	7	47	42 30	1	1	1	44	3			
430	Kendrick	Timewell	Brown	42		4			4		1	1	2	1	5	41	36 90		4	4	38	3			
431	Summit	Harristown	Macon	41	2	11		1	14		1		1		2	53	47 70		13	12	49	4			

432	Murrayville	Murrayville	Morgan	29		4		3	7							36	$ 32	40		7	5	34	2						
433	Annawan	Atkinson	Henry	64		2			2				1		1	65	58	50		1		62	3						
434	Makanda	Makanda	Jackson	72		6		2	8		8		5		13	67	60	30		4	5	66	1		$22	00			
436	Philo	Port Byron	Rock Island	70		2	1	1	4		2				2	72	63	90		2	2	66	6						
437	Chicago	Chicago	Cook	509		28			28		1		2	12	15	522	469	80	9	29	28	483	39	$262	00	35	00	$10	00
440	Camargo	Camargo	Douglas	50		5	2		7				1		1	56	50	40	1	11	7	47	9						
441	Sparland	Sparland	Marshall	50		2			2				1	2	3	49	44	10		2	2	46	3						
442	Casey	Casey	Clark	66		9		3	12				2		2	76	68	40	5	12	7	64	12	10	00				
443	Hampshire	Hampshire	Kane	85		7		1	8		1				1	92	82	80	3	6	7	81	11	25	00	15	00		
444	Cave-in-Rock	Cave-in-Rock	Hardin	27		3	1		4							31	27	90	3	5	5	26	5	20	00	15	00		
445	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	Macoupin	40		1			1				1		1	40	36	00		1		35	5						
446	Watseka	Watseka	Iroquois	144		8	2		10		5		4	2	11	143	128	70		11	10	129	14						
447	S. D. Monroe	Birds	Lawrence	21		5			5							26	23	40		8	7	25	1						
448	Yates City	Yates City	Knox	59									5	1	6	53	47	70				49	4						
449	Mendon	Mendon	Adams	59		2		2	4				6		6	57	51	30		2	2	45	12	35	00				
450	Loami	Loami	Sangamon	60		5	2		7					1	1	66	59	40	1	6	5	64	2	18	70	20	00		
451	Bromwell	Assumption	Christian	77		2			2				3		3	76	68	40	3	2	2	70	6	15	00			1	00
453	New Hartford	New Hartford	Pike	41								2	1		3	38	34	20				33	5						
454	Maroa	Maroa	Macon	105		4		1	5		1		3		4	106	95	40	2	3	3	88	18	15	00	5	00		
455	Irving	Irving	Montgom'y	45		5	1	1	7				3		3	49	44	10		4	6	38	11	12	30				
456	Nokomis	Nokomis	Montgom'y	87		7		2	9					2	2	94	84	60	8	10	9	83	11						
458	Blazing Star	Crab Orchard	Williamson	20				3	3							23	20	70				23		5	00				
460	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Wayne	43		1	1		2				1	1	2	43	38	70		2		38	5						
461	Plainview	Macoupin	Macoupin	27		1	1		2	1					1	28	24	30		1		25	3						
462	Tremont	Tremont	Tazewell	34		9			9		1			1	2	41	36	90		4	8	38	3	10	00				
463	Palmyra	Palmyra	Macoupin	57		8		1	9		1		1	1	3	63	56	70	3	6	7	59	4	82	50				
464	Denver	Denver	Hancock	37		1		2	3							40	36	00		4	1	38	2						
465	Huntsville	Huntsville	Schuyler	33		4	1		5							38	34	20		3	2	36	2	2	00				
466	Cobden	Cobden	Union	61		3			3		1			1	2	62	55	80		3	3	59	3						
467	South Macon	Macon	Macon	75		11	2	1	14					1	1	88	79	20		13	11	75	13						
468	Cheney's Grove	Saybrook	McLean	51	1	2		1	4					1	1	54	48	60	1	3	2	44	10						
469	McLean	McLean	McLean	88		3			3				1	2	3	88	79	20		2	3	81	7						
470	Rantoul	Rantoul	Champaign	85		1		1	2				3	2	5	82	73	80			1	73	9	70	00				
471	Kendall	Yorkville	Kendall	84		4		1	5				1	1	2	87	77	40	1	4	4	81	6	29	20	10	00		
472	Amity	West Chicago	Du Page	100		3		2	5				1	3	4	101	90	90	1	4	3	91	10			5	00		
473	Gordon	Pocahontas	Bond	37		1			1							38	34	20		2	2	34	4						
474	Columbia	Columbia	Monroe	45		5			5				2		2	48	43	20		3	4	41	7						
475	Walshville	Walshville	Montgom'y	20		1			1				6		6	15	13	50		1	1	14	1			5	00		
476	Manito	Manito	Mason	34		3			3							37	33	30	1	5	5	35	2						
477	Rutland	Rutland	La Salle	56		2			2				6		6	52	46	80	1	6	5	48	4						
478	Pleiades	Chicago	Cook	681		78	3	4	85		6		7	15	28	738	664	20	16	97	86	673	65	1049	30			5	00
479	Wyoming	Wyoming	Stark	106		3		1	4				2	5	7	103	92	70		4	6	95	8			35	00		
481	Momence	Momence	Kankakee	99		3	1	1	5				1		1	103	92	70	2	6	4	91	12	10	00				
482	Lexington	Lexington	McLean	60		4		5	9		2		2	1	5	64	57	60		4	5	53	11	50	00	10	00	10	00
484	Edgewood	Edgewood	Effingham	49		1			1							50	45	00		1	1	43	7						
485	Xenia	Xenia	Clay	30		1		1	2				1	3	4	28	25	20		4	2	24	4						
486	Bowen	Bowen	Hancock	51	2	6			8				5		5	54	48	60		6	6	49	5	10	00				
487	Andrew Jackson	Corinth	Williamson	18				1	1		1				1	18	16	20				18							

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Member'p residing in Illinois	Mem'rs residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Members, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
488	Clay City	Clay City	Clay	84		1		1	2				1	1	2	84	$ 75 60	1	4	2	78	6	$45 50		
489	Cooper	Willow Hill	Jasper	47		2			2				1		1	48	43 20		1	1	47	1			
490	Shannon	Shannon	Carroll	51		4		1	5					1	1	55	49 50		6	5	47	8			
491	Martin	East Dubuque	Jo Daviess	19		2			2							21	18 90		2	2	13	8			
492	Libertyville	Libertyville	Lake	141	1	5		4	10				2	3	5	146	131 40	6	4	4	131	12			
493	Tower Hill	Tower Hill	Shelby	61		4	1		5				1		1	65	58 50	1	6	4	61	4	14 00	$ 4 45	
495	Stone Fort	Stone Fort	Saline	78										1	1	77	69 30		3	3	75	2			
496	Colchester	Colchester	McDonough	88		2			2		1			1	2	88	79 20			1	73	15	138 00		
497	Alma	Steeleville	Randolph	60		2		1	3		1		1	2	4	59	53 10	5	6	3	51	5	14 00	2 50	
498	Murphysboro	Murphysboro	Jackson	133	..	8		4	12		..			3	3	142	127 80		7	8	121	21	72 55	5 00	
500	St. Paul	Springfield	Sangamon	241		15		6	21		1		5	4	10	252	225 90		17	14	232	20	50 00	25 00	
501	Stark	LaFayette	Stark	40		5	1		6				5	1	6	40	36 00		5	4	31	9			
502	Woodhull	Woodhull	Henry	45		5			5					1	1	49	41 10		5	5	37	12	52 00	50 00	
503	Odin	Marion	Marion	50		4			4				3	1	4	50	45 00	1	5	4	47	3			
504	East St. Louis	East St. Louis	St. Clair	288		20	1	4	25				4	3	7	3 6	275 40	3	20	22	273	32	177 70	57 70	$25 00
505	Meridian Sun	Holcomb	Ogle	96		1		1	2				1		1	97	87 30		2	1	95	2			
506	O. H. Miner	Iroquois	Iroquois	73		4			4		1		1		2	75	67 50	1	4	4	66	9			
508	Home	Chicago	Cook	526		22	1	1	24		19		12	15	46	501	453 60		22	23	416	58	428 15	51 30	
509	Parkersburg	Parkersburg	Richland	37			1		1				3		3	35	31 50		2		31	4			
510	J. D. Moody	Iuka	Marion	24				1	1							25	22 50			2	17	8			
512	Wade-Barney	Bloomington	Mc Lean	236		14		2	16				6	3	9	243	218 70	3	16	12	205	38	80 28	10 00	
514	Bradford	Bradford	Stark	44	1				1							45	40 50		1	1	44	1			
516	Andalusia	Andalusia	Rock Island	42		20		2	22					1	1	63	56 70		15	17	57	6			
517	Litchfield	Litchfield	Montgom'y	77	1	8		3	12		2		1	3	6	83	74 70		10	9	80	3			
518	Abrah'm Lincoln	Kirkwood	Warren	36		9	1	3	13				1		1	48	43 20		14	14	42	6			
519	Roseville	Roseville	Warren	55		4			4				2	1	3	56	50 40		6	4	50	6	46 50		
520	Anna	Anna	Union	105		8		1	9		1		2	3	6	108	97 20	3	8	8	100	8	138 00	5 00	
521	Illiopolis	Illiopolis	Sangamon	68	1	14		1	16		4				8	76	68 40		16	14	70	6			
522	Monitor	Elgin	Kane	379		17	3	9	29		6		4	4	14	394	353 70		27	20	341	53	192 50		
523	Chatham	Chatham	Sangamon	74		2			2		2		2		4	72	64 80	1	2	3	64	8			
524	Evans	Evanston	Cook	387		40	1	10	51		2		2	4	8	430	387 00	5	45	43	394	36	23 10	19 35	
525	Delia	Elliotstown	Effingham	17												17	15 30				15	2			
526	Covenant	Chicago	Cook	868	2	43	10	3	58		7	1	13	6	27	899	809 10	8	43	48	781	118	723 40	159 40	
527	Rossville	Rossville	Vermilion	114		7	1	1	9		3		2	3	8	115	103 50		7	7	108	7			

528	Minooka	Minooka	Grundy	54		1			1				1	1	2	53	$ 47	70		1		48	5						
529	Adams	Plainville	Adams	40							1		2	2	5	35	31	50				30	5						
530	Maquon	Maquon	Knox	49		2			2				1	1	2	49	44	10	1	4	2	42	7						
531	Ashton	Ashton	Lee	69		2	1	1	4		1			1	2	71	63	90		4	2	66	5	$ 15	00				
532	Seneca	Seneca	La Salle	58		1		1	2				2		2	58	52	20			1	49	9						
533	Altamont	Altamont	Effingham	30		2			2				1		1	31	27	90		4	3	29	2						
534	Cuba	Cuba	Fulton	61		9	2	2	13							74	66	60		7	7	73	1	25	00				
535	Sherman	Orion	Henry	62			1	1	2		1		1		2	62	55	80				49	13	41	00				
536	Plainfield	Plainfield	Will	115		7	1		8				1	3	4	119	107	10	2	3	7	117	2	25	00				
537	J. R. Gorin	Sadorus	Champaign	48		3	1		4		1		2		3	49	44	10		2	2	45	4						
538	Lockport	Lockport	Will	108		15	1	1	17				1	2	3	122	109	80	5	8	12	108	14						
539	Chatsworth	Chatsworth	Livingston	28		3			3							31	27	90		1	1	29	2	4	70				
540	Oak Park	Oak Park	Cook	460		40	1	12	53				7	7	14	499	419	10	2	39	39	399	100	199	50	$10	00		
541	Stewardson	Stewardson	Shelby	27				1	1				1		1	27	24	30				26	1						
542	Towanda	Towanda	McLean	24		2			2				1		1	25	22	50		5	2	21	4						
543	Cordova	Cordova	Rock Island	28		2			2				2	2	4	26	23	40		3	2	23	3						
544	Virginia	Virginia	Cass	89		4		2	6							95	85	50		4	4	89	6						
547	Valley	Coal Valley	Rock Island	67								1		1	2	65	58	50		1		59	6						
550	Sharon	Tiskilwa	Bureau	81		1			1				3		3	79	71	10		2	2	74	5	10	00	5	00		
552	Long Point	Long Point	Livingston	23									1		1	22	19	80		1		17	5						
554	Plum River	Stockton	Jo Daviess	123		10	1	3	14		5		2	1	8	129	116	10		10	9	109	20	31	00				
555	Humboldt	Ottawa	La Salle	117		15	1		16				4	2	6	127	114	30		18	17	116	11	35	20				
556	Dawson	Dawson	Sangamon	59		1			1		1		8	1	10	50	45	00	1	2	1	47	2						
557	Lessing	Chicago	Cook	184		17	2		19					5	5	198	178	20	3	15	16	186	12	74	00	24	00		
558	Leland	Leland	La Salle	47				2	2				1	2	3	46	41	40				42	4						
559	Thomson	Thomson	Carroll	32									1	1	2	30	27	00		1		23	7	25	00				
560	Madison	New Douglas	Madison	24		2	2		4				1	2	3	25	22	50		2	2	24	1	25	00				
562	Trinity	Mound City	Pulaski	81		8		3	11				4	2	6	86	77	40		11	11	82	4						
564	Winslow	Winslow	Stephenson	47		1		3	4				1	1	2	49	44	10		5	2	44	5						
565	Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill	Pike	31		3			3				3		3	31	27	90	2	3	3	28	3						
566	Albany	Albany	Whiteside	71		5			5		1		3		4	72	63	90	1	5	5	58	14						
567	Frankfort	West Frankfort	Franklin	46		8		2	10		1		2	1	4	52	46	8		6	7	51	1						
569	Time	Time	Pike	30		1			1				1		1	30	27	00				25	5						
570	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Morgan	137		4		7	11				2	3	5	143	128	70		8	5	119	24						
572	Bardolph	Bardolph	McDonough	31		5			5				3		3	33	29	70	1	3	4	28	5						
573	Gardner	Gardner	Grundy	82		12			12				1		1	93	83	70	1	13	12	86	7						
574	Pera	Ludlow	Champaign	47		1			1				1		1	47	42	30		1	1	45	2						
575	Capron	Capron	Boone	66		5	1	2	8							74	66	60		7	6	63	11						
576	O'Fallon	O'Fallon	St. Clair	48		5			5		1				1	52	46	80		6	6	51	1			109	00		
577	Viola	Viola	Mercer	62		4	1		5		2		1	1	1	63	56	70	3	5	5	57	6						
578	Prairie City	Montrose	Effingham	38	5				5				1		1	42	37	80		1	1	36	6	9	00				
580	Hazel Dell	Hazel Dell	Cumberl'nd	29		3		2	5			1		1	2	32	28	80	1	4	4	29	3						
581	Dongola	Dongola	Union	33	2	4	1		7	3	1		1		5	35	31	50		6	5	34	1						
582	Shirley	Shirley	McLean	45		1			1				1	2	3	43	38	70		1		42	1	20	00				
583	Highland	Highland	Madison	51		3			3					1	1	53	47	70	1	3	3	44	9						
584	Vesper	Galesburg	Knox	206		5	1	1	7		1		2	3	6	207	186	30	3	7	5	173	34	32	50	1	75		
585	Fisher	Grove City	Christian	31		2	1	1	4							35	31	50		3	2	33	2						
587	Princeton	Princeton	Bureau	134		1		2	3				3	3	6	131	117	90		2	2	114	17			5	00		

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					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
588	Troy	Troy	Madison	36									1		1	35	$ 31 50	2		..	27	8			
590	Fairmount	Fairmount	Vermilion	75		2	1	1	4				2	5	7	72	64 80	2	6	4	65	8	$82 50		
591	Gilman	Gilman	Iroquois	67		7	..	1	8							75	67 50		8	9	66	9			
592	Fieldon	Fieldon	Jersey	28		1			1							29	26 10	1	3	2	28	1	15 00		
595	Miles Hart	Gays	Moultrie	62		1	1		2				1	2	3	61	54 90	1		1	56	5			
600	Cerro Gordo	Piatt	Piatt	101		3			3					2	2	102	91 80		4	3	93	9			
601	Farina	Farina	Fayette	58		3			3				3	2	5	56	50 40			2	56				
602	Watson	Watson	Effingham	30		1			1							31	27 90			1	30	1		$ 1 00	
603	Clark	Martinsville	Clark	96		14		2	16				1	2	3	109	98 10		11	15	97	12		1 55	
604	Hebron	Hebron	McHenry	69		3	1		4				2	1	3	70	63 00		3	3	64	6			
607	Streator	Streator	La Salle	231		17			17		4		4	3	11	237	213 30	4	17	16	224	13	80 50		
608	Piper	Piper City	Ford	79		5			5				3	3	6	78	70 20		7	6	74	4			
609	Sheldon	Iroquois	Iroquois	90		6		1	7					2	2	95	85 50		7	6	83	12			
610	Union Park	Chicago	Cook	913		64	3	1	68		4		11	10	25	956	858 60	18	68	69	841	115	558 70	50 75	
611	Lincoln Park	Chicago	Cook	636		30	2	1	33		7		3	8	18	651	585 90	10	36	31	575	76	554 89	31 80	
612	Rock River	Sterling	Whiteside	251		7		6	13		3		7	2	12	252	226 80	4	11	9	219	33	86 00	14 00	
613	Patoka	Patoka	Marion	61		3		1	4	1			2	2	5	60	54 00	2	3	3	53	7	61 35		
614	Forrest	Forrest	Livingston	79		3			3				3		3	79	71 10		2	2	68	11	50 00		
616	Wadley	Franklin	Morgan	53		5	1		6				1		1	58	52 20		3	5	48	10	10 00		
617	Good Hope	Good Hope	McDonough	66		1			1				..	2	2	65	58 50		3	1	57	8			
618	Basco	Basco	Hancock	19									1	1	2	17	15 30				16	1	5 00		
620	New Hope	Cohn	Clark	20		..	1		1				..			21	18 90				16	5			
622	Hopedale	Hopedale	Tazewell	55		2		1	3				1		1	57	51 30		1	2	50	7			
623	Locust	Owaneco	Christian	29	1	2		1	4	1			2		3	30	27 00		2	2	28	2			
627	Union	Lick Creek	Union	21		4			4					1	1	24	21 60		7	4	24				
630	Tuscan	Walpole	Hamilton	49		5			5					1	1	53	47 70	1	8	5	50	3			
631	Norton	Cabery	Ford	55		3		..	3	1	1		3	1	6	52	45 90		4	3	48	4	36 55		
632	Ridge Farm	Ridge Farm	Vermilion	88		6			6					1	1	93	83 70	..	7	8	75	18			
633	E. F. W. Ellis	Rockford	Winnebago	150		12	2	3	17					3	3	161	147 60	1	9	9	147	17	12 00		
634	Buckley	Buckley	Iroquois	20			1		1				2	1	3	18	16 20				16	2			
635	Rochester	Rochester	Sangamon	33		2	1		3		1		1		2	34	30 60		2	2	31	3			
636	Peotone	Peotone	Will	73		3			3				1	2	3	73	65 70	2	4	3	68	5	15 00		
639	Keystone	Chicago	Cook	366	...	40			40		6		7	3	16	390	351 00	9	49	40	361	29	85 00	18 30	
641	Comet	Minier	Tazewell	60		1		1	2				1	1	2	60	54 00		1	1	54	6	10 00		

642	Apollo	Chicago	Cook	496		39	4	3	46		11		12	6	29	513	$161	70	15	56	45	476	37	$550	00		$20	00		
643	D. C. Cregier	Chicago	Cook	524		43	2	1	46		7		3	3	13	557	501	30	9	47	49	522	35	598	98	$51	20			
644	Oblong City	Oblong	Crawford	86	1	9			10				2	1	3	93	83	70	4	11	7	79	14							
645	San Jose	San Jose	Mason	38		1			1				6		6	33	29	70		2	1	24	9							
646	Somonauk	Somonauk	De Kalb	92		7	1		8		1		2		3	97	87	30	1	5	4	91	6							
647	Blueville	Edinburg	Christian	57		5			5		..	1		4	5	57	51	30	1	5	5	54	3							
648	Camden	Camden	Schuyler	86		8			8					1	1	93	83	70	..	7	6	87	6							
651	Atwood	Atwood	Piatt	68		4		1	5				2		2	71	63	90		5	4	65	6	10	00		5	00		
653	Greenview	Greenview	Menard	74		10			10				3	1	4	80	72	00	4	9	9	73	7	65	00					
655	Yorktown	Tampico	Whiteside	92	..	3		2	5				3	2	5	92	82	80	1	4	3	82	10							
656	Mozart	Bloomington	McLean	92		5		1	6					1	1	97	87	30	1	5	5	78	19	112	50					
657	Lafayette	Grand Tower	Jackson	22		3			3					1	1	24	21	60		4	4	22	2							
658	Rock Island	Rock Island	Rock Island	221		22	1	9	32				4	2	6	247	222	30	2	24	22	217	30	25	00					
659	Lambert	Quincy	Adams	260		12	1	5	18				3		3	275	247	50		12	11	233	42	37	00	200	00			
660	Grand Chain	New Gr'd Chain	Pulaski	28			2		2					1	1	29	26	10				25	4							
662	South Park	Chicago	Cook	290		48	1	9	58		2		9	4	15	333	299	70	5	51	50	289	44	294	68	25	50			
664	Mayo	Winterrowd	Effingham	31		1			1		7				7	25	22	50		1		22	3							
665	Beecher City	Beecher City	Effingham	33				1	1				1		1	33	29	70		1	1	30	3							
666	Crawford	Eaton	Crawford	42		8			8				1		1	49	44	10	1	18	10	47	2							
667	Erie	Erie	Whiteside	54		3	1		4				3	1	4	54	48	60		4	4	52	2							
668	Burnt Prairie	Burnt Prairie	White	46		2			2				1		1	47	42	30		3	3	43	4							
669	Herder	Chicago	Cook	248		15		1	16				1	7	8	256	230	40	2	19	19	244	12	155	00	126	90			
670	Fillmore	Fillmore	Montgom'y	60	3	3		1	7				3	2	5	62	54	90		2	3	54	8	15	00					
672	Eddyville	Eddyville	Pope	29		1			1							30	27	00		1	1	25	5							
673	Normal	Normal	McLean	81		1		1	2		1		2	1	4	79	71	10	2	2	2	64	15							
674	Waldeck	Chicago	Cook	250		15	1		16		2			3	5	261	234	90	9	19	15	248	13	211	00	35	25	6	00	
675	Pawnee	Pawnee	Sangamon	88		5	1	3	9				1	1	2	95	85	50	1	9	7	65	30							
676	A. O. Fay	Highland Park	Lake	178		24		3	27					3	3	202	181	80	6	26	22	171	31	130	80					
677	Enfield	Enfield	White	61		4	1		5				2		2	64	57	60		4	4	58	6	15	00					
679	Buffalo Prairie	Illinois City	Rock Island	74		12			12				1	1	2	84	75	60	3	17	14	73	11							
680	Clement	Cleveland	Henry	62		2		1	3		1		2		3	62	51	90	1	3	2	53	9							
681	Morrisonville	Morrisonville	Christian	72		8			8				2	1	3	77	68	40	1	8	6	72	5							
682	Blue Mound	Blue Mound	Macon	87	..	7		2	9		1		1	1	3	93	83	70	1	6	6	90	3	26	75					
683	Burnside	Burnside	Hancock	81		6		1	7		4		1		5	83	74	70	1	8	5	71	12							
684	Galatia	Galatia	Saline	51		3			3	1					1	53	47	70		3	4	51	2							
685	Rio	Rio	Knox	87		3		1	4	1			2		3	88	79	20		1	1	79	9							
686	Garfield	Chicago	Cook	720		67	3	8	78		3		11	8	22	776	696	60	12	62	66	693	83	473	55	203	50			
687	Orangeville	Orangeville	Stephenson	47		2		1	3				..			50	45	00		4	2	41	9	40	00					
688	Clifton	Clifton	Iroquois	50		11			11				1		1	60	54	00	3	11	11	57	3							
690	Englewood	Chicago	Cook	864		32	6	5	43		14		13	11	38	869	782	10	6	28	30	716	153	753	20	86	40			
691	Iola	Iola	Clay	29									3		3	26	23	40		3	1	23	3							
692	Raymond	Raymond	Montgom'y	56		4			4				1		1	59	53	10		5	4	54	5							
693	Herrin's Prairie	Herrin	Williamson	117	2	19	1	2	24	5			1	1	7	134	120	60	12	26	18	130	4							
695	Shiloh Hill	Campbell Hill	Jackson	38		4			4		4		4		8	34	30	60		3	4	18	16	5	00					
696	Belle Rive	Belle Rive	Jefferson	31		8	1	1	10		2			1	3	38	34	20	3	9	9	37	1	5	00	5	00			
697	Richard Cole	Chicago	Cook	436		24	5		29	..	3		6	4	13	452	406	80	16	25	25	410	42	404	00	21	80			
698	Hutton	Diona	Coles	53										2	2	51	45	90			..	47	4							
700	Pleasant Plains	Pleasant Plains	Sangamon	67		9			9		1		3	2	6	70	62	10	3	10	8	66	4							

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1968	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease				Total Decrease	Present Membership 1969	Dues 1969	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Members residing outside of Illinois	Members residing in Illinois	Con. to Members, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home		
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died												
701	Temple Hill	Temple Hill	Pope	26	1	1			2				1	1	1	27	$ 24 30		2	2	2	25				
702	Alexandria	Alexis	Warren	78		6			6				1	1	1	83	74 70	1	5	5	6	77	6			
704	Braidwood	Braidwood	Will	194		12		2	14				1	2	3	205	184 50	1	7	7	36	169	36	$ 75 00		
705	Ewing	Ewing	Franklin	30		2		1	3					1	1	32	28 80		3	2		26	6			
706	Joppa	Cowden	Shelby	69		8			8		2		1	1	4	73	65 70		5	5	3	70	3	71 70		
709	Star	Hoopeston	Vermilion	168	2	9	2	1	14				5	2	7	175	157 50	1	4	9	18	157	18	89 18	$ 2 00	
710	Farmer City	Farmer City	DeWitt	92									1	3	4	88	79 20		3	3	13	75	13	30 00	10 00	
711	Providence	Chicago	Cook	170		11			11				4		4	177	159 30	1	13	13	7	170	7			
712	Collinsville	Collinsville	Madison	95		7		2	9		3		1		4	100	90 00	6	7	6	12	88	12			
713	Johnsonville	Johnsonville	Wayne	59		3			3				2		2	60	54 00		3	2	11	49	11			
714	Collison	Collison	Vermilion	87		7			7	1	4		3	1	9	85	76 50	2	7	8	8	77	8	55 00	2 00	
715	Elvaston	Elvaston	Hancock	23				1	1		1		3		4	20	18 00				2	18	2			
716	Calumet	Blue Island	Cook	249		16	1		17				4	2	6	260	234 00	11	15	16	18	242	18	275 00		
717	Arcana	Chicago	Cook	533		49		2	51		11		1	6	18	566	509 40	19	43	42	41	525	41	177 36		
718	May	Norris City	White	24		2	1		3		3			2	5	22	19 80	1	2	2	2	20	2			
719	Chapel Hill	Wolf Creek	Williamson	32		1			1				3		3	30	27 00		1	1		30				
721	Rome	Dix	Jefferson	49	1	5		2	8		2			1	3	54	48 60		6	5	4	50	4			
722	Walnut	Walnut	Bureau	89		6		3	9				1	2	3	95	85 50	2	6	5	10	85	10			
723	Omaha	Omaha	Gallatin	24			2		2				3	1	4	22	19 80					19	3			
724	Chandlerville	Chandlerville	Cass	70	2	7			9				2	2	4	75	67 50	1	9	7	5	70	5			
725	Rankin	Rankin	Vermilion	70		4			4				3		3	71	63 90		3	4	11	60	11	20 00	25 00	
726	Golden Rule	Chicago	Cook	855		48	5	4	57	1	9		5	13	28	884	795 60	4	47	46	46	838	46	340 84	105 00	
727	Raritan	Raritan	Henderson	37		1			1					2	2	36	32 40	1	3	2	5	31	5			
728	Waterman	Waterman	DeKalb	36										1	1	35	31 50				2	33	2			
729	Lake Creek	Lake Creek	Williamson	74		5		2	7		8			1	9	72	64 80	2	3	4		72				
730	Eldorado	Eldorado	Saline	54		4			4							58	52 20	4	5	6	2	56	2			
731	Harbor	Chicago	Cook	399	1	22	3	1	27				2	3	5	421	378 90	3	18	16	7	414	7	172 11		
732	Carman	Carman	Henderson	24							1		1		2	22	19 80				1	21	1			
733	Gibson	Gibson City	Ford	104		9		2	11			1	4	1	6	109	98 10	1	4	7	9	100	9	40 00	10 00	
734	Morning Star	Canton	Fulton	245		11	1	3	15		1		5	4	10	250	225 00	10	8	10	23	227	23	62 55		
735	Sheridan	Sheridan	La Salle	80	1	3			4				2	1	3	81	72 90		3	1	1	71	10			
737	Arrowsmith	Arrowsmith	McLean	21		6	2		8					1	3	26	23 40		10	7	3	23	3	55 25		
738	Saunemin	Saunemin	Livingston	70		3			3					1	1	72	64 80		2	4	11	61	11			
739	Lakeside	Chicago	Cook	369		26		1	27		3	1	9	4	17	379	338 40	2	26	25	29	350	29	329 76	25 00	

741	New Holland	New Holland	Logan	22		5			5				1		1	26	$ 23 40		6	5	25	1					
742	Danvers	Danvers	McLean	46		4			4				2		2	48	43 2		4	5	45	3					
743	Scottland	Scottland	Edgar	36		4			4					1	1	39	35 10		5	5	32	7	$ 75 0.				
744	Goode	Brayfield	Franklin	66	2	7		1	10				..	1	1	75	67 50	2	10	8	70	5					
745	Winnebgo	Winnebago	Winnebago	50		4			4		..					54	48 60		6	4	51	3	50 00				
746	Weldon	Weldon	DeWitt	45									4		4	41	36 90	1			38	3	15 00				
747	Centennial	Philo	Champaign	41		5	1	...	6		1		3		4	43	38 70		8	5	35	8					
748	Alta	Alta	Peoria	64		2			2	1			2		3	63	56 70		3	2	57	6					
749	Akin	Thompsonville	Franklin	57		2			2				1		1	58	52 2	1	1	1	55	3					
750	Lyndon	Whiteside	Lyndon	55		2			2		1		..	2	3	54	48 60	1	7	2	44	10	60 00				
751	Lounsbury	Barrington	Cook	68		10		1	11				3	1	4	75	67 50	4	10	10	70	5					
752	Allendale	Allendale	Wabash	37		3		1	4	...	1		1		2	39	35 10	...	3	3	36	3	25 00				
754	Ogden	Ogden	Champaign	112		9		1	10		..			1	1	121	108 90	4	9	9	109	12	9 00	$ 4 60	$ 5 00		
755	Pre-emption	Pre-emption	Mercer	76		3		1	4				1	1	2	78	70 20	4	9	5	69	9					
756	Hardinsville	Hardinsville	Crawford	33		30		1	31				2		2	62	55 80	3	30	32	58	4					
757	Verona	Verona	Grundy	67		4		1	5				1	1	2	70	63 00	1	7	7	59	11					
758	Mystic Star	Chicago	Cook	555		94	1	5	100		6	...	3	2	11	614	579 60	25	98	89	519	75	391 85	10 00			
759	Orel	Wayne City	Wayne	79	1	4		2	7				1	1	2	84	75 60		4	5	79	5	16 50				
761	Sibley	Sibley	Ford	30		1	3		4		2		3		5	29	26 10		1	2	23	6					
762	Van Meter	Athens	Menard	73		12		1	13	1					1	85	76 50		12	13	85			..			
763	Crete	Crete	Will	58		1	1		2				1		1	59	52 20	1	4	2	50	9					
764	Sullivan	Sullivan	Moultrie	132		13		3	16				2	1	3	145	130 50	7	13	14	131	11					
765	Palace	Chicago	Cook	280		27	1	2	30	..	3	...	15	2	20	290	261 00		25	26	233	57	50 00	2 00			
766	Littleton	Littleton	Schuyler	24	...	2			2				1		1	25	22 50				26	5					
767	Triluminar	Chicago	Cook	360		33	2	1	36		10		4	1	15	381	342 00	10	31	38	342	39	25 00				
768	Mizpah	Chicago	Cook	512	3	23	3	5	34		9		12	6	27	549	494 10	15	28	24	474	75	341 16				
769	St. Elmo	St. Elmo	Fayette	77		9	1	2	12							89	80 10	2	11	9	85	4	20 00				
770	La Grange	La Grange	Cook	242		20	5	14	39		1		5	2	8	273	245 70	4	25	12	242	31	286 00		12 00		
771	Bay City	Bay City	Pope	16		4	2		6		1				1	21	18 90		4	4	16	5					
772	New Burnside	New Burnside	Johnson	32		3			3				2	1	3	32	28 80		3	3	31	1	58 00	3 10			
773	Mansfield	Mansfield	Piatt	36		4	...	1	5				1		1	40	36 00	2	6	5	34	6			5 10		
774	Lake View	Chicago	Cook	568		46		3	49		7		4	5	16	601	540 90	12	52	46	564	37	558 70	78 40	37 50		
776	Grand Crossing	Chicago	Cook	366	...	38	1	4	43		3	1	13	5	22	387	348 30	9	34	38	358	29	3-1 75				
777	Ravenswood	Chicago	Cook	468		35	1	7	43		3		4	3	10	501	450 90	4	38	36	461	40	201 50	5 00			
778	Gurney	Allen Springs	Pope	48		8		1	9		6		2	1	9	48	43 20	3	5	6	47	1					
779	Wright's Grove	Chicago	Cook	410		23		2	25		2	1	5	6	14	431	387 90	13	21	24	391	40	175 00	45 00	20 00		
780	Siloam	Chicago	Cook	410		34		4	38		10		5	8	23	425	381 60	7	45	39	384	41	707 15				
782	Potomac	Potomac	Vermilion	72		4			4		1		1		2	74	66 60	1	4	4	70	4		20 00			
783	Constantia	Chicago	Cook	251		22			22		7		1	5	13	260	234 00	8	16	18	234	26	80 00				
784	Beacon Light	Chicago	Cook	117	1	16		4	21				2		2	136	122 40	4	15	15	122	14	25 00	5 85			
786	Riverton Union	Riverton	Sangamon	79		6		1	7							86	77 40	4	5	5	81	5					
787	Morris	Waterloo	Monroe	76		6			6	1					1	81	72 90	3	5	5	73	8					
788	Lerna	Lerna	Coles	47		3		2	5				1		1	51	45 90		6	3	44	7	25 00				
789	Auburn Park	Chicago	Cook	457		21	2	3	26		17		18	4	39	444	399 60	4	27	24	416	28	374 56	32 85			
790	Pittsfield	Pittsfield	Pike	102		5	1	2	8		1		1	1	3	107	96 30		4	5	103	4					
791	Broadlands	Broadlands	Champaign	56		12	2		14			..	1	2	3	67	60 30	1	13	12	61	6					
792	Calhoun	Hardin	Calhoun	38	1	3			4		4				4	38	34 20		4	3	32	6					
793	A. T. Darrah	Victoria	Knox	38	...	4			4	..	..				2	2	40	36 00	1	5	5	37	3				

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Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Member'p residing in Illinois	Members residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Members, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died											
794	Tadmor	Karber's Ridge	Hardin	24		3		..	3						..	27	$ 24 30		3	3	27		$ 10 00		
795	Myrtle	Chicago	Cook	216		19		4	23				4		4	265	238 50	1	24	24	251	14	44 32	$12 30	
796	E. M. Husted	Roodhouse	Greene	74		1			1		7		1		8	67	60 30	2	1		50	17	35 00		
797	Normal Park	Chicago	Cook	561		29	1	7	37		6		13	5	24	574	516 60	5	38	29	197	77	245 60	31 00	
798	Sidell	Sidell	Vermilion	52		4		1	5				3		3	54	48 60		5	4	51	3	5 00		
799	Colfax	Colfax	McLean	48		5	1	1	7				5	2	7	48	43 20	6	6	5	43	5			
800	Kenwood	Chicago	Cook	658		38	1	6	45		5		12	7	24	679	611 10	5	41	39	599	80	618 42	52 90	
801	Sangamon	Fisher	Champaign	42	1	3			4		1			1	2	44	39 60		5	3	37	7			$ 1 00
802	Williamson	Carterville	Williamson	94		8		2	10		4		2		6	98	88 20		7	7	95	3			
803	Neponset	Neponset	Bureau	42		5	..		5				2	1	3	44	39 60		5	5	41	3			
804	Kensington	Chicago	Cook	251	1	14	1	2	18		3		4	3	10	259	233 10	8	18	16	227	32	352 59	44 43	
805	S. M. Dalzell	Spring Valley	Bureau	105		13	1	1	15		2		5		7	113	101 70	.	11	11	103	10	100 00	2 00	
806	Nebo	Nebo	Pike	54		3			3				2	1	3	54	48 60		5	3	46	8	35 00		
807	Royal	Macedonia	Hamilton	34		1			1							35	31 50		1	1	35		20 00		
808	Cornland	Cornland	Logan	74		3			3				6	3	9	68	61 20		2	4	58	10			
809	Gillham	Woburn	Bond	40		3			3	1	2	1	1		5	38	34 20		2	3	37	1			
810	Tracy	Chicago	Cook	170		10			10		6		3	3	12	168	151 20	3	15	11	144	24	75 00	40 00	
811	Melvin	Melvin	Ford	55		1			1	1					1	55	49 50	1	1	1	46	9			
812	De Land	De Land	Piatt	30		3			3					3	3	30	27 00		2	2	26	4		5 00	
813	Humboldt Park	Chicago	Cook	457		54	1		55				6	7	13	499	449 10	20	59	53	449	50	471 05	22 85	
814	Ohio	Ohio	Bureau	19		3			3							22	19 80		3	3	22				
815	Lawn	Chicago	Cook	160	...	25		3	28		6		5	2	13	175	157 50	8	22	26	157	18	60 00		
816	Ridgeway	Ridgeway	Gallatin	40									1		1	39	35 10		2		38	1		7 00	
817	Creal Springs	Creal Springs	Williamson	49		12	2	1	15					1	1	63	56 70	2	14	12	62	1	15 00		
818	Ben Hur	Chicago	Cook	298		27			27		3		1	4	8	317	285 30	15	27	28	301	16	152 39	14 90	
819	Columbian	Chicago	Cook	334		53	1	8	62	4	5		9	3	21	375	337 50	13	54	57	351	24	385 85	81 25	20 00
820	Henderson	Kenney	DeWitt	49		12			12		2			1	3	58	52 20		9	12	50	8			
821	New Canton	New Canton	Pike	59		3		1	4					2	2	61	54 90	3	3	3	55	6	5 00		
822	Belknap	Belknap	Johnson	65	...	6			6				1		1	70	63 00	4	7	7	66	4	45 00		
823	Pearl	Pearl City	Stephenson	61	1	6			7		6		2		8	69	54 00	1	5	5	47	13			
824	Grove	Downers Grove	DuPage	133	...	14	2		16		2		4	3	9	140	126 00	5	9	12	122	18			
825	Arthur	Arthur	Douglas	56		5		1	6				1		1	61	54 90	1	7	6	54	7			
826	Mazon	Mazon	Grundy	74		10			10		1		3	1	5	79	71 10		4	8	72	7			
827	Sequoit	Antioch	Lake	83		1			1	1	1		2	1	5	79	71 10		4	4	75	4			

829	Edgar	Hume	Edgar	62		4		1	5		1		1		2	65	$ 58	50	1	1	3	60	5	$ 50	00				
830	Rockport	Rockport	Pike	56							1		2		3	53	47	70		1	1	37	16						
831	Findlay	Findlay	Shelby	79		9		2	11				3	1	4	86	77	40	2	5	5	78	8	95	00				
832	Harvey	Harvey	Cook	148		17	2	5	24		2		1	2	5	167	150	30		21	17	150	17	35	00	$40	00	$ 5	00
833	Dean	Ava	Johnson	54	1	1		1	3		7		1		8	49	44	10		1	1	45	4	27	34				
834	Toledo	Toledo	Cumberl'nd	73		4	1	1	6		6		1		7	72	64	80		5	4	68	4						
835	Triple	Venice	Madison	70		6		2	8				1	1	2	76	68	40	2	5	3	57	19	162	60	7	50		
836	Windsor Park	Chicago	Cook	225		17			17				7	1	8	234	210	60	3	15	17	194	40						
837	Hindsboro	Douglas		84		7			7					1	1	90	81	00	1	7	7	82	8						
838	Charity	Seaton	Mercer	41		3			3				2		2	42	37	80		1	1	36	6	5	00				
839	Berwyn	Berwyn	Cook	138		11		1	12				4	1	5	145	130	50	1	11	13	133	12	125	55	6	90		
840	Alto Pass	Alto Pass	Union	40		4			4	1			1		2	42	37	80		2	4	39	3						
841	Woodlawn Park	Chicago	Cook	444	1	42	1	13	57	1			7	2	10	491	441	90	5	44	44	445	46			42	20		
842	Fides	Chicago	Cook	165		9			9				1	3	4	170	153	00	3	14	11	144	26	288	88	16	50		
843	Park	Chicago	Cook	380		20	2	13	35		4	1	16	1	22	393	353	70	3	22	20	371	22	10	00				
845	Martinton	Martinton	Iroquois	48		4			4							52	46	80		3	3	47	5						
846	Bluffs	Bluffs	Scott	40							1				1	39	35	10	2	2	2	38	1						
847	Stronghurst	Stronghurst	Henderson	37		3	1	2	6							43	38	70		4	3	37	6						
848	Londonf	London Mills	Fulton	39		3			3				2		2	40	36	00	1	2	2	35	5						
849	Palestine	Palestine	Crawford	43		14		2	16				1		1	58	51	30	4	10	14	53	5						
850	Austin	Chicago	Cook	478		30		16	46		1		11	2	14	510	459	00	7	29	26	483	27	270	40	61	90	50	00
851	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	Cook	137		10		4	14			1	3	2	6	145	130	50	3	14	10	137	8			5	00		
852	Gothic	East St. Louis	St. Clair	191		15	5	8	28		10		3	2	15	204	183	60	4	20	19	165	39	183	65			10	00
853	Latham	Latham	Logan	56		6		2	8				1		1	63	56	70		5	6	61	2	19	50				
854	Brighton Park	Chicago	Cook	167		16	1		17		1		4	2	7	177	159	30	3	24	16	176	1	93	00	19	05		
855	King Oscar	Chicago	Cook	415		47		2	49				1	4	5	459	413	10	6	50	47	433	26	271	30				
856	West Gate	Hamburg	Calhoun	40		3			3				1		1	42	37	80		2	1	37	5						
857	Boyd D	Kirkland	DeKalb	64		2			2				2	1	3	63	56	70	2	3	3	58	5						
858	Utica	Utica	LaSalle	27		1		1	2				1	1	2	27	24	30		2	1	27							
859	Apple River	Apple River	JoDaviess	46		3			3				1		1	48	43	20		2	2	48							
860	Metropolitan	Chicago	Cook	327		49	1	1	51		3		6		9	369	332	10	7	41	45	357	18	54	50	50	70		
861	Sorento	Sorento	Bond	16							2		3		5	11	9	90				10	1						
862	Riverside	Riverside	Cook	76		4		2	6					2	2	80	72	00	3	3	4	74	6						
863	St. Andrews	Chicago	Cook	271		36	1		37				2	3	5	303	272	70	10	47	39	276	27	125	00				
864	Olympia	Chicago	Cook	337		49	1	2	52		3		4	1	8	381	342	90	4	44	43	342	39	437	00	16	85		
865	St. Cecilia	Chicago	Cook	209		24		5	29	1			1	1	3	235	211	50	15	24	23	216	19	43	50				
866	West Salem	West Salem	Edwards	44		1			1				1	1	2	43	38	70		3	3	38	5						
867	Chadwick	Chadwick	Carroll	59		4		1	5				2	1	3	61	54	90	1	4	4	56	5	125	00				
868	Cornell	Cornell	Livingston	27		3			3		2				2	28	25	20		3	3	27	1						
869	Maywood	Chicago	Cook	170		32		7	39				3		3	206	185	40	6	31	31	194	12	56	70				
870	Lostant	Lostant	LaSalle	38		3			3				1	1	2	39	35	10		4	4	38	1						
871	Argenta	Argenta	Macon	65		3			3		1		1		2	66	59	40	2	8	3	62	4						
872	Free Will	Oakwood	Vermilion	41		4			4				1	4	5	40	36	00	1	3	3	35	5						
873	Standard	Chicago	Cook	291		77		1	78				5		5	364	327	60	9	66	66	344	20	28	00	34	00		
874	Nitong	Modesta	Macoupin	38		1			1				2		2	37	33	30			1	30	7						
875	Corner-Stone	Chicago	Cook	243		32			32		6		1	1	8	267	240	30	6	33	33	260	7	50	60				
876	Wm. McKinley	Chicago	Cook	178		59		2	61		4		2		6	233	209	70	13	57	59	212	21	35	20	10	00		
877	Granite City	Granite City	Madison	112		2		4	6				4		4	114	102	60	4	3	2	101	13	200	00	15	00		

TABULAR STATEMENT—*Showing Amount of Dues, Number of Members, Increase, Decrease, and Amount of Charity.*

Lodge No.	Name	Postoffice	County	Membership 1908	Increase				Total Increase	Decrease					Total Decrease	Present Membership 1909	Dues 1909	Rejections	Initiations	Passed	Members residing in Illinois	Members residing outside of Illinois	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home	Con. to Memb'rs, their widows and orphans	Contributed to those not Members	Con. to Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home
					Add for error	Raised	Reinstated	Admitted		Ded. for error	Suspended	Expelled	Dimitted	Died												
878	Equity	Chicago	Cook	141		78		9	87		5		17	1	23	205	$184 50	6	90	85	196	9	$106 10	$17 05		
879	Composite	Chicago	Cook	160		38		2	40		2		6	1	9	191	171 90	2	31	32	179	12	69 00	11 15		
880	John B. Sherman	Chicago	Cook	170		29		1	30				1	1	2	198	178 20	10	34	36	185	13				
881	Marissa	Marissa	St. Clair	41		4		1	5				1	1	2	44	39 60	1	5	5	39	5			52 41	
882	Boulevard	Chicago	Cook	224		74		4	78	1			4	1	6	296	266 40	9	73	75	280	16	84 00	5 00		
883	Wheeler	Wheeler	Jasper	24							1				1	23	20 70			1	22	1				
884	Bethany	Bethany	Moultrie	31		6		2	8				1		1	38	34 20		6	6	35	3				
885	Villa Grove	Villa Grove	Douglas	56		9		2	11				2	0	2	65	58 50	1	5	10	64	1				$ 5 00
886	Hooppole	Hooppole	Henry	19		1			1							20	18 00		1	1	19	1				
887	Pyramid	Chicago	Cook	33		9			9							42	37 80	2	12	10	38	4	18 00			
888	Damascus	Chicago	Cook	71		25		11	36		1				1	106	95 40	1	22	25	98	8	72 63			
889	America	Chicago	Cook	264		36		2	38		3		2	3	8	294	264 60	5	32	32	279	15	259 00	23 90		
890	DesPlaines	Desplaines	Cook	64		4			4							68	61 20	2	5	3	63	5				
891	Logan Square	Chicago	Cook	157		51		1	52							209	188 10	20	59	51	199	10	440 50			
892	Constellation	Chicago	Cook	174		62		3	65				1	1	2	237	213 30	15	88	63	227	10				
893	Loraine	Loraine	Adams	28		8		2	10				1		1	37	33 30		9	8	34	3				
894	Utopia	Chicago	Cook	106		13			13							117	105 30	2	18	19	112	5	39 00	5 00		
895	Crescent	Chicago	Cook	123		40		2	42				3	1	4	161	144 90	22	48	53	155	6				
896	Kosmos	Chicago	Cook	92		33		3	36				13		13	115	103 50	5	33	35	110	5	75 00	15 30		
897	Ogden Park	Chicago	Cook	72		46		5	51					1	1	122	109 80	15	52	48	121	1	57 00			
898	Silvis	Silvis	R. Island	33		15		2	17				2	1	3	47	42 30		18	18	43	4				
899	Park Manor	Chicago	Cook	113		37		7	44	1			1		2	155	139 50	3	39	37	155					
900	Carnation	Chicago	Cook	57		40			40		1		1		2	95	85 50	3	41	39	91	4	25 00			
901	Edgewater	Chicago	Cook	128		23		12	35				1	1	2	161	144 90	3	25	23	160	1	25 00	6 40		
902	Alto	Stewart	Lee	21		1			1							22	19 80		2	1	22					
903	Elkhart	Elkhart	Logan	27		4		2	6							33	29 70		5	5	32	1	10 00			
904	Carlock	Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	27		2		2	4							31	27 90		5	5	30	1				
905	Hanover	Hanover	Jo Daviess	25		9		1	10					1	1	34	30 60	2	10	10	34		61 20			
906	Coffeen	Coffeen	Montg'm'ry	11		4			4							15	13 50		4	4	15					
907	Ancient Craft	Chicago	Cook	70		35		4	39				2	1	3	106	95 40	3	31	40	103	3				
908	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago	Cook	37		11		2	13							50	45 00		15	13	50					
909	Bee Hive	Chicago	Cook	31		16		1	17				1		1	47	42 30	5	19	14	44	3	10 00			5 00
910	Hull	Hull	Pike	22		14		1	15			1			1	36	32 40	1	15	14	35	1				
U D	Bellflower	Bellflower	McLean	9		14		3	17							26	15 30	1	14	14						
U D	Stellar	St. Francesville	Lawrence			15		15	30							30	27 00		15	15						
U D	Aaron	Chicago	Cook	15		46		15	61							76	54 90	3	50	47						
U D	Sesser	Sesser	Franklin	16		10		5	15							31	13 50	4	12	10						
U D	Elwood			19		11			11							30	9 90		13	12						
U D	Cottonwood			11		5		3	8							19	7 20	1	5	5						
U D	Jackson Park	Chicago	Cook	26		10		7	17							43	15 30		14	10						
U D	Welcome			196		3		21	24							120	21 60									
U D	Concord			13		10		6	16							29	14 40		12	10						
U D	Republic	Chicago	Cook	27		9		16	25							52	22 50		12	10						

APPENDIX PART III

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGES.
REPORT OF GRAND EXAMINERS.
REPORT OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Chicago, on October 14, for the purpose of constituting Ancient Craft Lodge No. 907.

R. R. Jampolis, as M.W. Grand Master.
Albert Roullier, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
David D. King, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Edward W. Peterson, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
James F. Boyle, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Andrew McNally, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Henry E. VanLoon, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Elmer E. Beach, as R.W. Grand Orator.
J. M. Simpson, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
M. Bates Iott, as W. Grand Marshal.
William D. Price, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
Walter E. Marble, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
R. C. G. Schultz, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Albert Jampolis, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
William G. Houghton, as W. Grand Steward.
Emerson E. Porter, as W. Grand Steward.
Albert T. Thompson, as W. Grand Steward.
Otto J. Gondolf, as W. Grand Steward.
C. W. Leverenz, Bro. Grand Tyler.
Adam Schmidt, as Master of the Oldest Lodge.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Pullman, on October 16, for the purpose of constituting Gil. W. Barnard Lodge No. 908.

Lewis Pickett, as M.W. Grand Master.
Elmer E. Beach, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. W. Harvey, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
H. Vanderbilt, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Adam Schmidt, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Wm. H. Bied, as R.W Grand Secretary.
A. Novander, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
A. D. Light, as R.W. Grand Orator.
L. A. Pierce, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
H. M. Robinson, as W. Grand Marshal.
T. Schmid, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.

O. Apgar, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
E. V. Rinquist, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
E. G. Burger, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
W. F. Wood, as W. Grand Steward.
E. T. Osgood, as W. Grand Steward.
C. W. Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
John Watterson, bore the Book of Constitution.
Wm. Baures, as Symbol Bearer.
C. A. Blomquest, as Symbol Bearer.
J. A. Kerr, as Symbol Bearer.
W. C. Bogue, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Chicago, on October 19, for the purpose of constituting Bee Hive Lodge No. 909.

Albert Roullier, as M.W. Grand Master.
Robert Jampolis, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
David D. King, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Louis J. Frahm, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
James F. Boyle, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Andrew McNally, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Henry E. VanLoon, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Elmer E. Beach, as R.W. Grand Orator.
John M. Simpson, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
M. Bates Iott, as W. Grand Marshal.
Francis M. Cruickshank, as Grand Standard Bearer.
Wells W. LaMoure, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. H. Bied, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Albert Jampolis, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Henry M. Robinson, as W. Grand Steward.
Otto J. Gondolf, as W. Grand Steward.
Albert R. Thompson, as W. Grand Steward.
Alexander S. Irvine, as W. Grand Steward.
George Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
Andrew O. Navander, as Master of the Oldest Lodge.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Hanover, on October 21, for the purpose of constituting Hanover Lodge No. 905.

J. W. Oliver, as M.W. Grand Master.
S. J. Hughlett, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Geo. V. Lichtenberger, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
W. A. Bristol, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
D. G. Smith, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Edwar Grimen, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
W. O. Butler, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
G. W. Johnson, as R.W. Grand Orator.
H. L. Heer, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
James Carr, as W. Grand Marshal.
B. Dittmar, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
A. Mongin, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
A. M. Smith, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. C. Emory, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
T. H. Turner, as W. Grand Steward.
G. W. Tyrrell, as W. Grand Steward.
W. G. Hubbell, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
C. A. Walters, as Master of the Oldest Lodge.
J. B. Scott, as Symbol Bearer.
L. A. Varty, as Symbol Bearer.
W. McKenzie, as Symbol Bearer.
E. Laign, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Coffeen, on October 23, for the purpose of constituting Coffeen Lodge No. 906.

D. W. Starr, as M.W. Grand Master.
Harry Young, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
David Fleming, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Geo. W. Kinbro, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
John Stevens, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Walter R. McLean, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Thos. McAlister, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.

C. A. Tennyson, W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. Logan McDavis, as W. Grand Marshal.
Chas. Gipson, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Thos. W. Kinger, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Thos. Prater, as W. Grand Steward.
Wm. Thompson, as W. Grand Steward.
N. J. Belenbough, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
Bro. G. W. Miller, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
M. T. Mason, as Symbol Bearer.
Geo. Richmond, as Symbol Bearer.
J. A. Snow, as Symbol Bearer.
E. A. Whitlock, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Hull, on October 24, for the purpose of constituting Hull Lodge No. 910.

Emmett Howard, as M.W. Grand Master.
W. W. Watson, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
A. C. Bancroft, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
O. K. Garrett, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
F. A. Longnecker, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary.
F. C. Funk, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
J. B. Carter, as R.W. Grand Orator.
Henry Bowers, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
F. W. Chumbley, as W. Grand Marshal.
Wm. R. Wilson, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
S. S. Gaines, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. S. Giller, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
H. C. Johnson, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
L. F. Bright, as W. Grand Steward.
W. A. McVay, as W. Grand Steward.
M. Cames, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
Bro. Wm. Hankins, as Master of the Oldest Lodge.
H. T. Jones, as Symbol Bearer.
J. E. Arundel, as Symbol Bearer.
J. E. Kortey, as Symbol Bearer.
Otis Stone, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Ridgefarm, on October 29, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the First Presbyterian Church.

C. L. Sandusky, as M.W. Grand Master.
D. E. Bruffett, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Z. S. Saylor, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
A. L. Stansberry, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
F. M. Hole, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
H. G. Barker, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Geo. T. Telling, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
E. P. Landis, as R.W. Grand Orator.
P. H. Moreland, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
E. N. Davie, as W. Grand Marshal.
C. L. Tuttle, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
Geo. Henderson, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
M. E. Mills, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Joe Chrisman, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
John Fletcher, as W. Grand Steward.
Bert Dickson, as W. Grand Steward.
J. P. Fishback, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
W. Y. Ludwig, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
Frank Fellow, as Principal Architect.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Chicago, on October 31, for the purpose of dedicating West Chicago Masonic Temple.

A. B. Ashley, as M.W. Grand Master.
S. S. Borden, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
H. S. Hurd, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Jay L. Brewster, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
L. A. Goddard, R.W. Grand Treasurer.
D. D. King, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
John C. Leppert, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
W. S. Peavey, as R.W. Grand Orator.
N. Cary, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
E. W. Peterson, as W. Grand Marshal.
Wm. Balhatchet, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.

W. C. Avery, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
H. W. Harvey, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Lewis Pickett, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
H. G. Dean, as W. Grand Steward.
H. F. Finn, as W. Grand Steward.
Chris. Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
Harris W. Huehl, as Principal Architect.
Will J. Bell, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
Wm. D. Watson, as Symbol Bearer.
G. R. Lott, as Symbol Bearer.
J. M. Parney, as Symbol Bearer.
W. A. Curran, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Elkhart, on November 2, for the purpose of constituting Elkhart Lodge No. 903.

D. D. Darrah, as M.W. Grand Master.
C. A. Slauter, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
John Huston, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
J. W. Irish, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
P. J. Barton, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Z. T. Taylor, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
G. G. Taylor, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
S. H. Drake, as R.W. Grand Orator.
C. S. Stahl, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
L. O. Buzzard, as W. Grand Marshal.
C. W. Gard, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
Donald Dankin, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. R. Leach, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Hosea Harris, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
J. W. Shaver, as W. Grand Steward.
Arthur Bridge, as W. Grand Steward.
W. V. Mortimore, as Brother Grand Tyler.
Henry Stahl, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
Silas Beebe, as Symbol Bearer.
Dr. Hill, as Symbol Bearer.
John B. Harmon, as Symbol Bearer.
Paul D. Foster, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Mechanicsburg, on November 5, for the purpose of constituting Carlock Lodge No. 904.

Sidney S. Breese, as M.W. Grand Master.
R. Flentje, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Charles Burcham, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
O. E. Johnson, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Joseph Grubb, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
D. P. Isaacs, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
M. W. Staples, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
G. W. Lester, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. M. Willard, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
Jesse Weber Farmer, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
John A. Davis, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
James A. McCabe, as W. Grand Steward.
George Freeto, as W. Grand Steward.
J. H. Hill, as W. Grand Steward.
Arthur E. Bell, as Bro. Grand Tyler.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Steward, on November 5, for the purpose of constituting Alto Lodge No. 902.

W. C. Stilson, as M.W. Grand Master.
John Charters, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. E. Barber, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
F. A. Richardson, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
E. Hilb, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
T. W. Fowler, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Charles Berry, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
H. V. Linn, as R.W. Grand Orator.
S. T. Zeller, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. R. Patterson, as W. Grand Marshal.
A. A. Phelps, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
W. D. Pickle, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
George E. Moore, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
H. O. Moore, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
L. Taylor, as W. Grand Steward.

W. T. Hackett, as W. Grand Steward.
F. D. Craft, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
J. A. McLain, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
W. J. Smith, as Symbol Bearer.
L. D. Hemmingway, as Symbol Bearer.
Morris Cook, as Symbol Bearer.
M. M. Fell, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Bridgeport, on November 24, for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Hall.

J. R. Ennis, as M.W. Grand Master.
J. E. Jeffers, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
W. H. Rupe, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
J. M. James, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
J. H. B. Tolle, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
H. A. Eidson, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
J. L. Hartsook, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Charles H. Martin, as R.W. Grand Orator.
John Galaspie, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
Geo. N. Todd, as W. Grand Marshal.
Geo. R. Stout, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. W. Whalen, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. F. Beck, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. P. Jones, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
C. E. Cope, as W. Grand Steward.
C. A. Stillwell, as W. Grand Steward.
Christian W. Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
A. T. Telford, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
C. O. Cullison, as Principal Architect.
Clarence Schmall, as Symbol Bearer.
Alva Moore, as Symbol Bearer.
C. E. King, as Symbol Bearer.
Edward Luck, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Latham, on January 29, for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Hall.

Austin H. Scrogin, as M.W. Grand Master.
Charles Pritchett, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

O. J. Lucas, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
W. T. Phillips, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
A. J. Pease, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
D. J. Joyut, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
H. D. Lukenbill, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
George Johnston, as R.W. Grand Orator.
A. B. Potter, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
L. W. Lawton, as W. Grand Marshal.
J. S. Alexander, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
F. C. Pease, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
D. W. Phillips, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. S. Ritchey, as Junior Grand Deacon.
Samuel Wilson, as W. Grand Steward.
John Vaughn, as W. Grand Steward.
H. F. Maus, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
A. J. Pease, as Principal Architect.
L. F. Myers, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
Thos. Gasaway, as Symbol Bearer.
L. E. Lyon, as Symbol Bearer.
F. W. Küch, as Symbol Bearer.
John Gray, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Kingston, on February 25, for the purpose of dedicating Masonic Hall.

James M. Huff, as M.W. Grand Master.
John H. Raymond, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Frank Channing, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
James McCredie, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Charles Brown, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
L. C. Shaffner, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
George C. Tallerday, Jr., as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Joseph Swansen, as R.W. Grand Orator.
O. W. Vickell, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
L. M. Gross, as W. Grand Marshal.
H. G. Burgess, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
James Mackey, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
David L. Silverman, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
James Liveright, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
S. T. Armstrong, as W. Grand Steward.
J. F. Burton, as W. Grand Steward.

Charles Olson, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
A. W. Sexauer, as Principal Architect.
I. Vanderburg, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
I. A. McCollum, as Symbol Bearer.
D. B. Arbuckle, as Symbol Bearer.
B. F. Uplinger, as Symbol Bearer.
A. W. Diffle, as Symbol Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Dawson, on June 29, for the purpose of dedicating the new lodge room of Dawson Lodge No. 556, A.F. and A.M.

Sidney S. Breese, as M.W. Grand Master.
H. E. Fullenwider, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. W. Smith, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Omer Mitts, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
M. L. Judd, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
W. Fain, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
J. D. Shouse, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
H. S. Wiley, as R.W. Grand Orator.
S. J. Benner, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
Harry LaFayette Smith, as W. Grand Marshal.
Charles Burcham, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
John Burris, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
Samuel Yoacum, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
E. J. McCandless, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
A. V. Judd, as W. Grand Steward.
J. H. Grubb, as W. Grand Steward.
Allen Dougherty, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
W. R. Constant, Master of Oldest Lodge.
John Yoacum, Principal Architect.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Quincy, on July 21, for the purpose of paying a last tribute of affection for Joseph Robbins, M.W. Past Grand Master.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master.
A.B. Ashley, R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
C. E. Allen, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
E. E. Beach, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Emmett Howard, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.

Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary.
Owen Scott, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Frederick M. Pendleton, as R.W. Grand Orator.
George W. Cyrus, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
C. E. Gabriel, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
Henry L. Whipple, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
George D. Levi, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Charles T. Holmes, as W. Grand Steward.
W. W. Watson, as W. Grand Steward.
Wilton E. White, as W. Grand Steward.
Henry C. Mueller, as W. Grand Steward.
C. S. Gurney, Brother Grand Tyler.
Samuel O. Pearce, Master of Oldest Lodge.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Tuscola, August 14, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the First Christian Church.

Delmar D. Darrah, as M.W. Grand Master.
J. W. Kaga, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
John A. Wesch, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Frank F. Collins, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
C. G. Stovall, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
C. A. Hawkins, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
J. W. Merritt, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
G. W. Rippey, as R.W. Grand Orator.
S. R. Williams, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. E. Jeffers, as W. Grand Marshal.
Thos. Shaw, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
W. L. Snyder, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
O. H. Woodworth, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
F. W. Lockhart, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
W. H. Fry, as W. Grand Steward.
Walter Dolson, as W. Grand Steward.
John Lyle, as W. Grand Steward.
I. D. Urquhart, as W. Grand Steward.
C. W. Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
J. S. Cambridge, Master of Oldest Lodge.
C. A. Moon, Principal Architect.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Greenville, on August 20, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Public School Building.

H. T. Burnap, as M.W. Grand Master.
E. E. Cox, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
F. H. Floyd, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
J. H. McHenry, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
F. Thrayner, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
C. K. Denny, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
J. E. Story, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
J. G. Wright, as R.W. Grand Orator.
W. A. McLain, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
A. L. Hord, as W. Grand Marshal.
J. K. Murdock, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. F. Watts, Sr., as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
F. P. Seawell, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
E. S. Titus, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
J. L. Wise, as W. Grand Steward.
W. T. Harlan, as W. Grand Steward.
Clyde Tate, as W. Grand Steward.
J. H. Allis, as W. Grand Steward.
C. W. Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
D. W. Starr, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
W. B. Bradsby, as Principal Architect.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Eaton, Ill., on September 9, 1909, for the purpose of dedicating the new hall of Crawford Lodge No. 666, A.F. and A.M.

Charles H. Martin, as M.W. Grand Master.
William H. Rupe, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
James I. Brydon, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
Ed. Rosenbaum, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Louis Rubin, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Fred Lathrop, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
T. G. Athey, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
James Porter, as R.W. Grand Orator.
Bruce McNutt, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
Josiah M. James, as W. Grand Marshal.

C. G. Pearce, W. Grand Standard Bearer.
C. L. Douglass, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
John W. Whallen, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
E. E. Price, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
R. M. Clark, W. Grand Steward.
Henry Smith, as W. Grand Steward.
Christian Leverenz, as Bro. Grand Tyler.
J. B. Cato, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
Isaac P. Trees, as Symbol Bearer.
Thatcher Alberty, as Symbol Bearer.
C. H. Morris, as Symbol Bearer.
Everett Kendall, as Symbol Bearer.
Elisha Russell, as Principal Architect.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

State of Illinois.

Convened at Chicago on September 11, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Marlboro Presbyterian Church.

A. B. Ashley, as M.W. Grand Master.
S. S. Borden, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
E. W. Peterson, as Senior Grand Warden.
H. W. Harvey, as Junior Grand Warden.
V. E. Ringquist, as Grand Treasurer.
John Watterson, as Grand Secretary.
A. O. Norvander, as Grand Chaplain.
Rev. A. G. Light, as Grand Orator.
C. S. Thompson, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. H. Bied, as Grand Marshal.
Louis Pickett, as Senior Grand Deacon.
Adam Schmidt, as Junior Grand Deacon.
Otto A. Lies, as Grand Steward.
I. S. Blackney, as Grand Steward.
C. E. Gurney, Grand Tyler.
Louis Frahm, as Principal Architect.
Willis O. Nance, as Master of Oldest Lodge.
L. E. Hamburg, as Grand Standard Bearer.
J. A. Anderson, as Grand Sword Bearer.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Findlay, on September 13, 1909, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C. A. Tucker, as Grand Master.
A. W. Askins, as Deputy Grand Master.
W. W. Harbert, as Senior Grand Warden.
E. E. Shanks, as Junior Grand Warden.
C. C. Everman, as Grand Treasurer.
W. S. Miner, as Grand Secretary.
L. M. Courtright, as Senior Grand Deacon.
A. J. Dunaway, as Junior Grand Deacon.
C. S. McCollom, as Grand Chaplain.
C. W. Francisco, as Grand Steward.
J. W. Underwood, as Grand Steward.
Thos. Birkett, as Grand Tyler.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A.F. AND A.M.,

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Convened at Chenoa on the 5th of October, for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Chenoa Lodge No. 292.

Austin H. Scrogin, as M.W. Grand Master.
Harry M. Palmer, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
W. A. Chapman, as R.W. Senior Grand Warden.
M. J. Ohmit, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Geo. P. Longwell, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Wm. G. Abbott, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
C. F. Churchill, as R.W. Grand Chaplain.
Rev. Frank Fox, as R.W. Grand Orator.
E. G. Shelton, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
John C. Weis, as W. Grand Marshal.
L. D. Markland, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
A. J. Gadberry, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
Nimrod Mace, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. E. Travis, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Arthur M. Gordon, as W. Grand Steward.
Jacob Moeschel, W. Grand Steward.
C. W. Leverenz, as Brother Grand Tyler.

Bro. James Coulter, as Master of Oldest Lodge, bore the Book of Constitutions.

Brethren J. C. Meers, F. W. Buess, Ed. A. Moeschel, Wilber Loper, bore the symbol of the lodge.

OCCASIONAL GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M

State of Illinois.

Convened at Oak Park on October 9, for the purpose of dedicating Oak Park Masonic Temple.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master.
Leroy A. Goddard, as R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
Robert R. Jampolis, as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
Albert Roullier, as R.W. Junior Grand Warden.
Albert T. Thompson, as R.W. Grand Treasurer.
Isaac Cutter, as R.W. Grand Secretary.
Frank G. Shayler, as R.W. Grand Chaplain
Elmer E. Beach, as R.W. Grand Orator.
Albert Bartelme, as W. Grand Pursuivant.
M. Bates Iott, as W. Grand Marshal.
Charles E. Borsett, as W. Grand Standard Bearer.
William A. Dixon, as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
Edward W. Peterson, as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
Lawrence Johnson, as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
David D. Kind, as W. Grand Steward.
Burns Wilson, as W. Grand Steward.
Christian W. Leverenz, as Brother Grand Tyler.
G. W. Hamilton, as Master Oldest Lodge.

Report of Board of Grand Examiners.

LEXINGTON, ILL., August 3, 1909.

Bro. Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother:—The Board of Grand Examiners desire to report that immediately after our appointment, on October 8, 1908, we met in the Sherman House, in Chicago, and perfected our organization as a Board by electing Bro. Austin H. Scrogin as Secretary. The Board, by unanimous action, recommended for reappointment as Grand Lecturers the following named brethren:

W. B. Grimes, Chas. F. Tenney, A. B. Ashley, James John, H. S. Hurd, J. R. Ennis, H. T. Burnap, Hugh A. Snell, Isaac Cutter, M. Bates Iott, A. W. West, G. A. Stadler, John E. Morton, W. O. Butler, W. E. Ginther, T. H. Humphrey, C. Rhorbough, D. E. Bruffett, I. H. Todd, C. E. Grove, C. E. Allen, D. D. Darrah, H. S. Albin, H. C. Yetter, J. M. Willard, J. E. Wheat, A. G. Goodrich, S. M. Schoeman, W. K. Bowling, J. G. Seitz, Chas. G. Young, Emerson Clark, James McCredie, W. H. Peak, Enos Johnson, C. M. Hamilton, G. A. Lackens, A. O. Novander, J. B. Roach, T. N. Cummins, Louis Pickett, Anthoney Doherty, C. T. Holmes, C. P. Ross, L. C. Johnson, Archibald Birse, F. M. Pendleton, R. H. Wheeler, R. W. King, Elmer E. Beach, N. H. Robson, W. H. Harvey, F. H. Morehouse, F. H. Burton, I. J. Foster, C. M. Babbitt, S. M. Franklin, J. G. Huntoon, George R. Smith, J. H. Griffiths, A. Jampolis, W. A. Dixon, E. W. Peterson, Albert Davis, A. Roullier, E. D. Brothers, N. M. Mesnard, John C. Weis, Adam Schmidt, W. Balhatchet, H. E. Vanloon, E. W. Eggman, W. C. Stillson, H. C. Michels, C. J. Wightman, Wm. Gardner, W. H. Bied, Peter C. Gray, Wm. Rothman, Emmett Howard, W. E. Anderson, J. M. Hedrick, D. W. Starr, J. N. Hannum, Nimrod Mace, R. G. Bright, W. S. Welsh, N. B. Carson, H. A. Eidson, David Richards, L. J. Frahm, G. E. Carlson, E. C. Jackson, G. M. Harminson, H. M. Witt, J. K. West, A. T. Summers, C. B. Pavileck, Andrew McNally, J. M. Simpson, W. P. Jones, W. H. Rupe, W. W. Roberts, A. W. Cain, W. H. Welch, Hiram Vanderbilt, P. A. Reinhard, D. D. King, L. E. Simons, M. T. Booth, E. T. Osgood, H. W. Mason, C. L. Montgomery, J. S. Edmonson, T. D. Fletcher, C M. Brochers, F. H. Blose, T. H. Land, B. A. Cottlow, A. I. Porges, W. E. Fitch, S. Bradford, Herman Blanchard, Wm. Grube, L. E. Rockwood, W. A. Hoover, L. B. Dyer, G. N. Todd, W. F. Wood, W. G. Houghton, J. F. Lockert, J. M. James, R. N. Strohn, O. E. Tandy, F. O. Lorton, John T. Pierce, J. L. Hammond, W. A. Mentzner, Thomas Weeks, F. G.

Trenary, R. D. Mills, W. E. Edwards, C. B. Ward, Chas. S. Borden, J. E. Jeffers, Z. S. Salor, S. C. Scrimger, Chas. A. Prater, Wm. B. Moore, Harry M. Palmer, Wm. D. Price, Theodore Christenson, Henry A. Dever, Walter E. Marble, James M. Huff, Geo. Low, H. H. Milnor, Harry O. Falrath, C. R. Houser, C. H. Graves, Harry M. Robinson, Chas. H. Thompson, Amos Ball, R. H. Gully, O. H. Woodworth, R. M. Riggs, Otto Brail, James W. Mills, Wm. C. Trowbridge, A. E. Holmes, C. L. Gregory, James F. Boyle, Frank F. Collins, J. H. Brown, A. B. Collom, W. H. Johnson.

Since that time, after due examination, the Board have recommended for appointment, as Grand Lecturers, the following named brethren, viz.:

D. H. Hibbott, J. E. Glathart, Boid Scott Blain, Wm. N. Ewing, Talbert Bryson Strass, Chas. S. Lawrence, B. Isaac Pumpelly, A. E. Wood, George Edwards, W. T. Boggess, Almon Strausberry, Norton E. Porter, C. A. Tucker, H. C. Bush, Francis H. Bradley, L. A. Brickman, A. P. Williams, T. G. Kerwin, Elmer Tregay, R. B. Pendergast, F. M. Cruikshank, Geo. Wm. Flood, Sidney Simon Pollack, James Isham Brydon, John Adam Peter Wesch, and H. Gasaway.

Making in all 202, which together with the Board make 207 holding commissions as instructors of our ritual.

In compliance with your order and appointment Schools of Instruction were conducted by the Board as follows, viz., at Olney, January 5, 6 and 7, 1909; Granite City, January 19, 20 and 21, 1909; Danville, February 2, 3 and 4, 1909; Aurora, February 16, 17 and 18, 1909; Rock Island, March 2, 3 and 4, 1909.

At the School held at Olney the attendance was as follows: Brethren Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master; Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary; C. G. Young, H. A. Eidson, W. P. Jones, J. E. Jeffers, I. A. Foster, and H. Gasaway, R.W. D.D. Grand Masters; Chas. H. Martin, S. S. Borden, A. H. Scrogin, Chas. S. DeHart and R. F. Morrow, Grand Examiners; Geo. E. Carlson, G. N. Todd, W. H. Rupe, A. T. Summers, C. N. Hamilton, C. A. Prater, T. N. Cummings, J. M. Jones, N. B. Carson, Grand Lecturers, and one hundred seventy-one Master Masons, representing forty-seven Illinois lodges and one foreign.

At the School held at Granite City the attendance was as follows: Brethren Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master; A. B. Ashley, R.W.D. Grand Master; Delmar D. Darrah, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Harry T. Burnap, R.W.G. Junior Warden; Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary; Harry M. Palmer, Louis Pickett, M. T. Booth, R. M. Riggs, D. W. Starr, J. S. Weis, Enos Johnson, J. R. Ennis, Geo. Coughlan and C. H.

Burgdorff, D.D. Grand Masters; Chas H. Martin, S. S. Borden, A. H. Scrogin, Chas. S. DeHart and Richard F. Morrow, Grand Examiners; Otto Brail, H. Vanderbilt, R. W. King, C. H. Thompson, W. A. Dixon, E. W. Eggman, H. A. Snell, A. B. Cullom, J. W. Mills, J. M. Willard, G. N. Todd, S. M. Schoeman, C. L. Montgomery, O. E. Tandy, H. M. Palmer, Louis Pickett, R. H. Wheeler, Grand Lecturers, and three hundred forty-four Master Masons, representing sixty-eight Illinois lodges and thirteen foreign.

At the School held in Danville the attendance was as follows: Brethren Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master; Delmar D. Darrah, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary; W. P. Jones, J. E. Jeffers, L. E. Rockwood, H. M. Palmer, David D. King, H. Gasaway, J. C. Weis, C. L. Sandusky and C. P. Ross, D.D. Grand Masters; Chas. H. Martin, S. S. Borden, A. H. Scrogin, Chas. S. DeHart and R. F. Morrow, Grand Examiners; D. E. Bruffett, David Richards, C. H. Thompson, J. S. Edmonson, A. R. Hauser, F. I. Collins, L. J. Frahm, A. T. Summers, W. Hoover, Amos Ball, Z. S. Saylor, O. H. Woodworth, A. E. Wood, F. O. Lorton, C. F. Tenney, E. E. Beach, R. H. Wheeler, W. A. Dixon, F. H. Blose, and A. I. Porges, Grand Lecturers; five hundred ten Master Masons, representing eighty-six Illinois lodges, thirty-two foreign.

At the School held in Aurora the attendance was as follows: Brethren Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master; Delmar D. Darrah, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary; Edward Cook, Past Grand Master; Chester E. Allen, Past Grand Master; James M. Huff, James McCredie, W. H. Bied, E. W. Peterson, D. D. King, J. C. Weis, Louis Pickett, N. M. Mesnard and J. W. Oliver, D. D. Grand Masters; L. B. Dyer, J. B. Roach, S. C. Scrimger, R. N. Strohn, Wm. Gardner, W. A. Mentzner, H. A. Dever, C. H. Graves, R. D. Mills, Chas. Holmes, J. H. Griffeths, A. W. Cain, A. McNally, Geo. Edwards, Amos Ball, T. B. Strauss, A. G. Goodrich, E. E. Beach, W. B. Moore, H. S. Albin, H. M. Witt, A. W. West, R. H. Wheeler, H. Blanchard, Wm. Rothman, H. Vanderbilt, T. Christenson, Walter Marble, W. G. Houghton, Adam Schmidt, H. H. Milnor, Grand Lecturers; and five hundred sixteen Master Masons representing ninety-four Illinois, and seven foreign lodges.

At the School held in Rock Island the attendance was as follows: Brethren Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master; D. D. Darrah, R.W. Senior Grand Warden; Isaac Cutter, R.W. Grand Secretary; C. E. Allen, P.M.W.G.M.; Lawrence Johnson, W. Grand Junior Deacon; C. L. Gregory, F. H. Bradley, M. T. Booth, D. D. King, Wm. H. Bied, J. C. Weis, S. B. Bradford, C. T. Holmes, D.D. Grand Masters; Chas. H. Martin, S. S. Borden, A. H. Scrogin, Chas. S. DeHart, R. F. Morrow

Grand Examiners; Wm. Elmer Edwards, J. E. Wheat, H. H. Milnor, C. J. Wightman, W. W. Roberts, R. H. Wheeler, A. O. Novander, Geo. E. Carlson, J. M. Hannum, C. E. Grove, J. G. Huntoon, C. R. Houser, W. A. Dixon, Geo. R. Smith, M. Bates Iott, Wm. Price, F. G. Trenary, Wm. P. Grube, W. E. Fitch, Grand Lecturers; and four hundred forty-seven Master Masons, representing sixty-four Illinois lodges, and thirteen foreign.

At each of these Schools the Ritual of Masonry as authorized by the M.W. Grand Lodge, was exemplified in full, in the daytime on a substitute candidate, and on an actual candidate at night.

The members of the Board feel that the success of the Schools is due largely to the good counsel and assistance of the Grand Master; the other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Officers.

We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the services of the District Deputy Grand Masters who so ably seconded our efforts to procure a good attendance at these several Schools; and to the Grand Lecturers, who by their presence, made it possible for us to exemplify the movements necessary to the correct rendering of our Ritual.

Thanking you for the confidence reposed in us, we remain

Fraternally yours,

THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS,

By A. H. SCROGIN,

Sec. of Board.

REPORTS

OF

R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 26, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—It is with pleasure that I submit you this, my second, annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First District.

I have visited all the lodges in my district, except two, and expect to visit them before the Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge next October.

At your direction I had the pleasure of instituting Concord Lodge, U.D., at Hewitt Hall, 6851 Stewart Ave., Chicago, July 1, 1909, the details of which were covered by a report heretofore made you.

I have been present at all their evening communications, except one, and have instructed them in the standard work, and am pleased to state that this new lodge is progressing in a manner which will surely meet with the approval of the Committee on Lodges, U.D., and the Grand Lodge.

All the lodges in the First District are enjoying prosperity and harmony and good fellowship prevail.

I desire to again thank you for the honor conferred upon me and assure you that my duties have been most pleasant.

Congratulating you on the completion of one of the most successful administrations our Grand Jurisdiction has ever enjoyed, and with the kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

HARRY W. HARVEY, *D.D.G.M. First District.*

SECOND DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I take pleasure in submitting my report for the past year as your Deputy for the Second Masonic District. Nothing of importance has transpired with which you are not already familiar. I thank you for many courtesies shown me during the year.

With high regard, I am

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT R. JAMPOLIS, *D.D.G.M. Second District.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 13, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—It affords me real pleasure to report to you that to the best of my knowledge the Third District is in a state of peaceful serenity. I have visited many of the lodges in the district, and should have visited more were it not for the fact that my three months' business trip abroad prevented. My visits to the lodges, however, have been highly satisfactory, and in all cases I have received the greatest courtesy. On the evening of February 26, at your request, I instituted Republic Lodge, U.D., assisted by R.W. Brethren Elmer E. Beach, David D. King, and M. Bates Iott. This lodge is composed of as fine a body of men as one would want to meet and their work is "Standard." Again I wish to express to you my appreciation of the honor which you conferred upon me in appointing me District Deputy Grand Master for the Third District, and sincerely hope that in years to come our personal relations may ever continue to be as pleasant as in years gone by.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
ALBERT ROULLIER, *D.D.G.M. Third District.*

FOURTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 2, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—In rendering you my second annual report as Deputy in charge of the Fourth Masonic District, I desire to thank you for the appointment, and also for the many fraternal courtesies received

at your hands. There has been scarcely a ripple to disturb the surface of universal peace and harmony that has prevailed among the lodges of the District during the year. I am pleased to report that I notice a constantly growing desire among the Chicago lodges (and this, of course, includes the Fourth District) to live more strictly within the limits of the law and to practice the Standard Work.

As you know, the duties of a District Deputy are not very well defined, and if one follows the apparent inclination to cut the annual report down to a line or two there is very little left. Therefore, at the risk of occupying a little more space than usual in the year book, I propose to call your attention to a matter which, while it is in no way confined to the Fourth District, to my mind is of considerable importance. I refer to the loose manner in which visitors are admitted into Chicago lodges.

To fully appreciate the situation, it must be remembered that conditions in the cities are different from those prevailing throughout the balance of the state. In the rural districts every man practically knows every other man, and consequently when a stranger comes along it is no difficult matter for the Master to pick him out and subject him to the test. In Chicago the audience at any unusual gathering is largely made up of strangers and the Master is forced to depend to a great extent on his Tyler. As a consequence the idea appears to prevail that the successful Tyler is the man who can save the Master the inconvenience of appointing examining committees and who can vouch for almost everybody. The seriousness of this is that a Tyler, in order to maintain his reputation, will occasionally pass people whom he does not know. I am in possession of information that leads me to assert that there are lodges in this city to which any man with a little knowledge of Masonry, and the nerve to approach, shake hands with, and call the Tyler by name can gain admission.

But the looseness of our methods is by no means confined to the Tyler. We are all too much afraid of hurting the feelings of a visitor. We meet a man in lodge and become acquainted with him. Years afterward, probably, we meet him again. For all we know to the contrary that he may have been suspended or expelled in the meantime, but rather than hurt his feelings by asking any questions we vouch for him. In our anxiety to avoid delay we are all prone to overlook the fact it is a Mason's privilege occasionally to prove his ability to satisfy an examining committee of his proficiency. I know of an incident in which several members of the Fraternity traveled quite a distance that they might be present when a friend received his degree; on arriving at the lodge room, although the lodge was not yet in session, they were very curtly informed:

"We are too busy to bother with committees. If you can't get a voucher, you can't get in."

And lacking the voucher, and not having the nerve to bluff the Tyler, they spent the evening in the parlor and were forced to be satisfied with shaking hands with their friend when it was all over. I relate this merely to show that our looseness works both ways. But the real harm is done when someone succeeds in getting in who should have been kept on the outside. When this happens, according to our present system, he is safe for all future time, and thereafter he can bring his friends with him and they are safe, too.

I have neither the space nor the inclination to attempt to point out a cure for these evils, but it appears to me that in some way there should be a general clearing out once in a while and that all visitors should be called upon for credentials. The peculiar situation in Chicago at the present time makes our system particularly dangerous, and I am of the opinion that some remedy should be devised.

Courteously and fraternally yours,

David D. King, *D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.*

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Chicago, Ill., September 1, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I have the pleasure of reporting peace and harmony throughout the Fifth Masonic District. Some differences have existed, but have been satisfactorily adjusted without friction and in a fraternal spirit.

I have visited all of the lodges in my District, and in every instance I have been most cordially received and greeted by all of the brethren.

On June 12, 1909, by your authority, I instituted Jackson Park Lodge, U.D. I am sure that the character and enthusiasm of the brethren of this lodge will stand the scrutiny of that "All-Seeing Eye"

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment, I am

Fraternally,

Wm. H. Bied, *D.D.G.M. Fifth District.*

SIXTH DISTRICT.

CHICAGO, ILL., September 9, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:—As your Deputy for the Sixth District, I beg to report that I have made a great many social and fraternal visits, installed the officers of four lodges in my District, and am pleased to say that the present Masonic year has been exceedingly prosperous and harmonious.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I remain

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD W. PETERSON, *D.D.G.M. Sixth District.*

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

PULLMAN, ILL., August 30, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—It is with pleasure I herewith submit my annual report as your Deputy for the Seventh District.

Acting as your proxy, on September 3, 1908, I dedicated the New Masonic Hall of Palace Lodge No. 765, of which due returns were made.

On October 16, 1908, acting as your proxy, I constituted Gil. W. Barnard Lodge No. 908, and installed its officers, of which due returns were made.

I have visited each lodge in the Seventh District, and happy to say, peace and harmony prevails, and good work is being done.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, with kindest regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

LEWIS PICKETT, *D.D.G.M. Seventh District.*

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

WAUKEGAN, ILL., September 23, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—As your representative for the Eighth Masonic District, I have but little to report. The lodges are all in a most prosperous condition. Peace and harmony prevail. The work is of the right kind, and plenty of it. No calls requiring official action have

been made, and I can truly say that all looks well for the future in the Eighth.

Thanking you again for the confidence reposed, and honor conferred, with congratulations and well wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

JAY L. BREWSTER, *D.D.G.M. Eighth District.*

NINTH DISTRICT.

BELVIDERE, ILL., September 19, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—In an unofficial way I visited almost all of the lodges in the District during the year. They said they were glad to see me. The schools of instruction held in this part of the state of late years have been of great and lasting benefit; more brethren know the work and more are laboring to make themselves proficient than ever before. Six lodges in the District have held schools and more are planned for next year.

Rockton Lodge No. 74 lost their lodge and contents by fire, but with commendable zeal rebuilt at once, and now have the best appointed lodge in the state, situated in a village of like population.

Their membership is but sixty odd. I mention this that they may be properly commended by, and serve as a model for all brethren.

I have officiated at numerous installations and funerals, and have instructed the officers and brethren of the District, and the brethren have shown the highest appreciation and given every assistance possible.

Secretaries should be instructed at schools or elsewhere, how to properly record the things proper to be written, and the Grand Lodge By-Laws should require Secretaries and Treasurers to give bond. This would sometimes save money and the good name of Masonry.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES M. HUFF, *D.D.G.M. Ninth District.*

TENTH DISTRICT.

APPLE RIVER, ILL., September 6, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I take pleasure in submitting to you my report for the Tenth Masonic District:

On October 21, 1908, acting under your orders, and with your proxy, with the assistance of a number of brethren from various lodges, I convened an Occasional Grand Lodge, and constituted Hanover Lodge No. 905, at Hanover, Ill.

This new lodge started with very bright prospects, and will, I believe, be one of which we shall be proud.

I have responded to invitations to install the officers of four lodges; I have also assisted in conferring degrees and officiated in burying the dead. It has been my privilege to visit almost all the lodges in the District, and on each occasion I have been treated with the greatest courtesy.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the District; lodges generally prosperous and working for the good of Masonry.

Immediately after the close of the Schools of Instruction at Aurora and Rock Island, which it was my privilege to attend, we held four Schools of Instruction in the District, under the supervision of R.W. Bro. Huff, of the Ninth District. These schools were well attended, and were conducive of much good, and created a desire among the members of the various lodges to conform more closely to the Standard Work.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you on the success of your administration, and to thank you for the honors you have conferred on me.

With best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. W. OLIVER, *D.D.G.M. Tenth District.*

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

OREGON, ILL., September 20, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I beg leave to report as your Deputy for the Eleventh Masonic District, that harmony prevails throughout the District and the lodges are in a flourishing condition.

I have not had occasion to make an official visit during the year, but have visited several of the lodges in a social way, and have always been cordially received.

I desire to congratulate you on your able administration as Grand Master, and to thank you for the honor you have conferred on me.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. Emerson, *D.D.G.M. Eleventh District.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

Aurora, Ill., September 11, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother Bell:—In submitting to you my annual report I am much pleased to state that the lodges throughout the Twelfth District are in a most flourishing condition. I have had the pleasure of visiting sixteen of the eighteen lodges in the District, and have now arranged to visit the other two before Grand Lodge convenes.

The visiting I have done has been a source of both pleasure and profit to me. I find it is possible even for a D.D.G.M. to learn some things. This is particularly true when we get in close touch with the officers of the different lodges.

Nothing of an unpleasant nature has been brought to my attention, except the matter referred to you a couple of months ago. That, however, adjusted itself to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge in question.

The most important event of the year was the School of Instruction held in this city last February, which you honored with your presence. I believe this was the banner school of the year in point of attendance, there being 517 names on the register. I do not know how profitable the other schools were, but I do know that the lodges throughout this section of Illinois profited by the instruction, and fully appreciated the courtesy and good fellowship of your able and honorable Board of Grand Examiners.

The members of the craft throughout this District in general, and your District Deputy in particular, bow their heads in grief, and tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family of our deceased worthy Brother,

JOSEPH ROBBINS.

You do not need my congratulations. Your name is recorded among the able and brilliant Masons of Illinois. Accept my best wishes for the future.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES MCCREDIE, *D.D.G.M. Twelfth District.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

MORRISON, ILL., September 15, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I am pleased to report that Masonry in the Thirteenth District has enjoyed a very prosperous year. There has nothing occurred to necessitate an official visit. The lodges I have visited are doing excellent work, but, as a rule, they have not been called upon to do a great amount of work.

Last November I had the honor of constituting Alto Lodge No. 902, of Steward, and predict a bright future for it, as they have a very pleasant, nicely furnished home, and a corps of very capable officers.

Thanking you for the honor of serving as your Deputy in this District for the year just closing, and congratulating you on the manner in which the duties of your office have been conducted, which I have heard repeatedly spoken of in the past year, with pride, by the brethren, I have the honor to be,

Fraternally yours,

W. C. STILSON, *D.D.G.M. Thirteenth District.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

ATKINSON, ILL., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—It affords me great pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevails in the Fourteenth District.

I have had the pleasure of visiting most of the lodges in this District, and have been received with the greatest of courtesy, and the work has been very satisfactory.

Several questions of Masonic law have been submitted to me by individual brethren, all of which have been answered by the aid of the Blue Book.

I am sure you made no mistake when you selected Rock Island for one of the Schools of Instruction last winter. Many of the brethren of this District have been inspired with new zeal and a desire for more knowledge after attending that very successful school as conducted by your excellent Board of Grand Examiners.

Thanking you most heartily for the honor you have conferred upon me, and congratulating you for your successful administration, I am

Fraternally yours,

M. T. Booth, *D.D.G.M. Fourteenth District.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

Wyanet, Ill., August 26, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Bro. Bell:—As your Deputy in the Fifteenth Masonic District, I am pleased to report that peace and harmony exists in the lodges of the District. I have visited most of the lodges, and intend to visit all of them before Grand Lodge meets.

Many meetings of more than passing interest have been held during the year which have promoted the welfare of Masonry.

One of these events in particular occurred at Princeton during your visit. Over two hundred representatives of the District braved the stormy weather to show their respect to the M.W. Grand Master, and it was their pleasure to meet with you and listen to your able address. Among the visitors who came from a distance was a delegation from the Standard Club, of Chicago, together with R.W. Bro. Booth, of Atkinson, and R.W. Bro. Bradford, of Ottawa. Had it rained just a little less many more would have had the pleasure of meeting you. Your kindness and good fellowship will long be remembered by the brethren, and we hope you will come again.

Thanking you for your kindness to me, and let me assure you that you have made your promises to the Grand Lodge good, when you said they should have your "best efforts."

Respectfully and fraternally,

Francis H. Bradley, *D.D.G.M. Fifteenth District.*

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

OTTAWA, ILL., September 11, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M. W., Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—The Sixteenth District's second annual School of Instruction was held at La Salle on February 9, 10 and 11, and was the principal event of the past year in this District. Like the one held at Ottawa last year, it was a good one, and the results will be felt in the District for some time to come. The register showed an attendance of one hundred and fifty, under the most unsatisfactory weather conditions. One degree was worked each day, and the evening work was on an actual candidate.

Acting as your special Deputy and proxy, I had the honor and pleasure of installing Bro. J. Webster Bailey as R.W. Grand Chaplain of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, at a stated meeting of Humboldt Lodge No. 555, held on the evening of July 23, 1909.

I have visited a number of lodges officially, and others unofficially, during the year, and am pleased to report that the fraternity is in a healthy, prosperous and happy condition in this District.

Accept my congratulations on the marked success of your administration just drawing to a close, together with my best wishes for your future welfare.

Assuring you of my appreciation of the honor of serving as your representative, I am,

Yours fraternally,

S. B. BRADFORD, *D.D.G.M. Sixteenth District.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

JOLIET, ILL., September 24, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother:—I am pleased to be able to report that harmony has generally prevailed in all the lodges in the Seventeenth District during the Masonic year now drawing to a close. The character of the work has been good and the growth satisfactory and along conservative lines.

I have made all official visits possible consistent with my other official duties, and have responded to every call that has been made.

In addition I have visited, unofficially, as often and as many lodges in the District as I could.

No call for construction of the law has been presented that could not be answered by the By-Laws and decisions thereon, except as especially reported to you.

Elwood Lodge, U.D., which by your direction I instituted November 19, last, has been doing good work, and will give a good account of itself at the Grand Lodge this year. They have raised eleven and have only got fairly started.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. B. FITHIAN, *D.D.G.M. Seventeenth District.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

CLIFTON, ILL., August 20, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—It is very gratifying for me to again report to you the manifest interest taken by the various lodges in the Eighteenth District. Nothing of an official nature has transpired but a great deal of work has been done.

In February, Clifton Lodge No. 688 held an afternoon and evening session in which four candidates were given the third degree. Invitations were given each lodge in the District, and representatives of every lodge were present with the exception of two. We endeavored to exemplify the work in an up-to-date form, and thereby inculcate an interest which might spread to the various lodges represented. I have made several visits throughout the Districts and have found Masonry keeping pace with the spirit of the age. I have endeavored to interest one of the lodges in the District, situated favorably and provided in every way with suitable accommodations, to ask for one of the Schools of Instruction, but unfortunately have failed thus far. It is very desirable that one of such schools be held in this part of the state.

I thank you for the honor of continuing me as District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighteenth District.

Yours fraternally,

N. T. STEVENS, *D.D.G.M. Eighteenth District.*

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

GIBSON CITY, ILL., September 7, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—Nothing requiring official action has been sub mitted to me this year. In one or two instances I have been asked for advice, but otherwise my visits and correspondence have been entirely unofficial.

I am pleased to report a condition of peace and harmony throughout the District.

Please accept my congratulations on your very able administration, and my thanks for the honor of serving as one of your representatives.

Fraternally,

L. E. ROCKWOOD, *D.D.G.M. Nineteenth District.*

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

PEORIA, ILL., September 3, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—Once more the bell has tolled another year and one year more of history has been made.

I take pleasure in making my report for the Twentieth Masonic District for the past year.

The usual peace and harmony prevails over the District. I judge from the fact that I have had only one call for an official visit.

The work in this District is fast approaching the standard, many of the old-time innovations have disappeared, and the workers are striving to attain perfection.

Notwithstanding many drawbacks during the past year, I have attended 79 Masonic meetings at various places, and assisted in conferring 47 degrees in 26 different lodges.

I attended four of the Schools held by the Board of Grand Examiners, and instructed nine lodges.

I have made seventeen sick calls and officiated at six funerals for various lodges. I attended three installation ceremonies and officiated at one. I presided at one Masonic trial the outcome of which you already know.

I believe that an additional question should be in our petition for degrees, as follows: "Where have you resided, and by whom have you been employed for the past ten years."

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and congratulating you on your splendid administration, and wishing you a happy and prosperous future, with best regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

JOHN C. WEIS, *D.D.G.M. Twentieth District.*

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

GALESBURG, ILL., September 11, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I am pleased to be able to report that harmony prevails throughout the Twenty-first District, and that lodges are enjoying their share of the general prosperity which has come to the fraternity throughout the state.

I have assisted in conferring degrees in several lodges which I have visited and instructed in the work. No questions of importance have been raised and nothing requiring your attention has been presented to me.

Thanking you for honors conferred, and assuring you of my appreciation of favors shown, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. T. HOLMES, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-first District.*

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

ALEDO, ILL., August 27, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—In making my report as your Deputy for the Twenty-second District, I am pleased to state that the past year has been one of prosperity throughout. All the lodges have been doing work and I believe a general increase in the membership will be shown.

I have visited several of the lodges and assisted in the work, have instructed two lodges and officiated at four funerals.

I am pleased to assure you that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

Congratulating you on your successful administration, and thanking you for the many courtesies shown me, I am

Very fraternally,

C. L. GREGORY, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-second District.*

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

FARMINGTON, ILL., September 8, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—My report as your representative in the Twenty-third Masonic District will necessary be brief.

I have installed officers in two lodges, assisted in conferring degrees, officiated at three funerals, and instructed two lodges in the Standard Work.

I have not been called to officially visit any lodge during the year just closed, and from all I have learned through correspondence, and my social visits among the lodges, I can say all is well in the Twenty-third District.

In conclusion, I desire to congratulate you on your very successful administration, and again thanking you for the honors conferred, with highest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

EMERSON CLARK, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-third District.*

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

RUSHVILLE, ILL., September 24, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I am pleased to report as District Deputy Grand Master of this District, that I have not been called on to make an official visit during the year, and so far as I can learn peace and harmony prevail.

All the lodges in this district, so far as I have been able to learn, are in a prosperous and healthy condition.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I am

Fraternally yours,

DAVID H. GLASS, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-fourth District.*

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

DELAVAN, ILL., September 11, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill..

My Dear Brother:—I am pleased to submit my report as your representative for the Twenty-fifth District.

During the past Masonic year I have responded to invitations to visit the lodges of this District, whenever possible to do so, rendering such service as I have been able to give.

On the evening of November 2, 1908, R.W. Bro. D. D. Darrah, as your proxy, constituted Elkhart Lodge No. 903, at Elkhart, Ill. It was impossible for me to be present on that occasion, but I have since visited this lodge, and am pleased to report that it is making substantial growth, and is one of the wide-awake lodges of the District.

On the evening of January 29, 1909, I assisted in the dedication of a new Masonic Hall, at Latham, Ill., the home of Latham Lodge No. 853, as Grand Marshall, the ceremonies being in charge of R.W. Bro. A. H. Scrogin, as your proxy. The brethren of Latham now have a very convenient and well equipped lodge room, and the enterprise shown in fitting up this room is indeed a credit to the lodge.

No official call has been made upon me to adjust any differences between lodges or brethren during the past year, a happy indication of the spirit of "brotherly love" which prevails in this district.

Thanking you for courtesies extended, and wishing you many years of happiness and prosperity, I am

Fraternally yours,

L. W. LAWTON, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-fifth District.*

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

MCLEAN, ILL., September 9, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—Affairs in the Twenty-sixth District have been running very smoothly the past year, and while possibly the membership has not increased as rapidly as in some previous years, the growth has been a healthy one.

We held another very successful school in Bloomington last spring. I can not say enough in favor of the small school, properly conducted. It is the best way of reaching and benefiting all of the lodges. I also advocate the individual lodges securing an instructor for a few days during the winter.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours fraternally,

H. M. Palmer, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-sixth District.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Danville, Ill., September 6, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—It is with pleasure that I herewith submit my annual report of the Twenty-seventh District.

The Masonic year just closing has been one of steady growth, with the utmost harmony prevailing. I have answered three official calls during the year, and in each case all difficulties have been satisfactorily adjusted.

It was my pleasure, by virtue of your proxy, and with the assistance of the local brethren, that I convened an occasional Grand Lodge at Ridge Farm, Illinois, on Thursday, October 29, 1908, at 2 o'clock P.M., and laid the corner-stone of the First Presbyterian Church at that place. I was very ably assisted by R.W. Bro. D. E. Bruffett, of Urbana Lodge No. 157.

I am indeed pleased to report to you that during the past year Vermilion Lodge No. 265 and Catlin Lodge No. 285 celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries. It was my pleasure to participate in both celebrations which were indeed enjoyable occasions.

The brethren of this District are very thankful for the School of Instruction, which was held in the hall of Olive Branch Lodge No. 38 on February 2, 3 and 4, 1909. I can assure you that the lodges in this District were greatly benefited and profited by the school as conducted by your excellent Board of Grand Examiners.

A number of the lodges in this District have held daylight sessions, which were both profitable and enjoyable occasions.

I feel warranted in reporting the state of Masonry in this District satisfactory and progressive.

Congratulating you on your successful administration, and thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and wishing you a happy and successful future, I am

Fraternally yours,
C. L. Sandusky, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-seventh District.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Tolono, Ill., September 7, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—As your representative of the Twenty-eighth District, I am glad to report that harmony prevails throughout the District.

I have, since my appointment, visited twelve of the lodges of the District, and from inquiries of these, and reports from the remainder, they are all in a flourishing condition.

It has been my pleasure during the year to assist in conferring more than one hundred degrees. I also conducted four Schools of Instruction and five funerals for the lodges of the District.

Allow me to congratulate you on your administration as Grand Master, and to again thank you for my appointment as your Deputy for this District. Fraternally,
Wilson P. Jones, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-eighth District.*

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

Decatur, Ill., September 6, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir—In presenting my report, I am pleased to state that the Twenty-ninth District has been unusually active in Masonic work. There has nothing transpired of any moment, and consequently nothing particular to say, except the results of my visits to the different lodges throughout the District.

Where I have gone the interest and work have been very satisfactory and many new and desirable members have been added to the list. Having received no calls for official visits, I take it as an evidence that no friction has arisen to disturb the usual peace and harmony. I have visited unofficially several of the lodges in my District and assisted in conferring degrees, installing officers, and giving instruction in the work.

The lodges in general are in a prosperous condition, and all striving to attain perfection in the work.

I thank you for the honor of serving as your representative and congratulate you on your able administration.

Yours fraternally,

N. M. Mesnard, *D.D.G.M. Twenty-ninth District.*

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

Springfield, Ill., September 12, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the Thirtieth District during the past Masonic year.

Outside the usual requests for opinions on Masonic law and usage, during the year, I have not otherwise been called upon to act in my official capacity as District Deputy Grand Master, except to investigate relative to the proposed new lodge at Tallula.

As your proxy, however, I installed Bro. Euclid B. Rogers as Grand Orator, constituted Carlock Lodge No. 904, at Mechanicsburg, and dedicated the new Masonic building of Dawson Lodge No. 556, at Dawson, Illinois.

A goodly number of the lodges in the District, with a desire to become proficient in the work, have, during the past year, at their own expense, held Schools of Instruction. This course is very commendable and should be pursued by more lodges.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the honor and courtesy shown me, and to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on your successful administration.

Fraternally yours,

Sidney S. Breese, *D.D.G.M. Thirtieth District.*

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., August 30, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—As your representative of the Thirty-first Masonic District, I herewith submit my annual report.

I have received but one call officially, and that was in regard to jurisdiction between two lodges, which was amicably adjusted, a full report of which was made to you at that time.

I have visited most of the lodges in my District in a social way, and assisted in conferring degrees, installing officers, and officiating at funerals, and wherever I have gone I have received a cordial welcome.

So far as I know now there is no discord in any of the lodges, and I think the annual report will show a healthful increase in membership.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, and congratulating you on your successful administration, I am

Yours fraternally,
C. P. ROSS, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-first District.*

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

BARRY, ILL., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Worshipful Brother:—In reviewing the situation in the Thirty-second Masonic District for the year just closed, I am pleased to extend you cordial greetings and congratulate you upon the success of your most excellent administration.

The craft of the District, having passed another Masonic mile-stone, find themselves more thoroughly entrenched in public estimation than ever before. The lodges, generally, are steadily and safely building their "Masonic edifices," while some of them have the past year had a very substantial growth—notably the New Salem Lodge, which has not of late years been very thrifty, but this year has nearly doubled its membership.

An event of special interest was the constituting of the new lodge at Hull, in Pike County, on October 24, 1908, under the direction of Emmet Howard of Quincy, Deputy Grand Lecturer, assisted by a full

corps of officers, which included Grand Secretary Isaac Cutter and the undersigned. The occasion was a notable one in local Masonic circles and attracted a large number of the craft from Hull and the surrounding lodges. The new lodge is No. 910, and has apparently started on a most promising career.

Kinderhook Lodge of this District met with misfortune by a conflagration that visited that place last June. Their hall was entirely destroyed, together with the lodge furniture and accessories, including the charter. The lodge had wisely provided insurance against such a calamity and their financial loss is small. Fortunately some of the records were not in the hall at the time of the fire and were not destroyed.

Several of the lodges of the District have indulged in picnics and fish-frys this summer, which were well attended and proved enjoyable affairs.

In closing, I am pleased to report that very few cases of discord have been reported among the membership, and none of a serious nature. The brotherhood is surely in a prosperous condition, and peace and brotherly love seems to prevail. Fraternally,

W. W. Watson, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-second District.*

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

Quincy, Ill., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—In submitting my annual report it is darkened by but one cloud—the death of M.W. Bro. Robbins, which occurred July 19, after an illness of several months. The extent of our loss is so well known, that it is patent to all; but members of the craft, knowing only the brilliant intellect, can only have a faint conception of the love, honor, truth and integrity bound up in his great nature. Our loss may be world-wide, but to those of us who sat at his feet, with a constantly growing admiration of his brilliant character, it comes home with greater force. With this exception, there have been but few changes in the situation in this District. The growth, while not heavy, has been healthy, with no evidence of discord, or anything that would require official notice. All lodges have been visited at least once, except one, and with this one, have been more or less in touch in various

ways, and expect to visit it before the next session of the Grand Lodge. I appreciate to the utmost the courtesies you have extended, and these, with the good will evinced by the brethren, have rendered my position a very pleasing one.

Fraternally yours,

EMMETT HOWARD, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-third District.*

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

WINCHESTER, ILL., September 7, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—It is with much pleasure that I submit a report as District Deputy for this Masonic District.

The duties of the office have not been onerous, but on the contrary altogether pleasant. Nothing has transpired during the year which required official attention, except the one question of invasion of jurisdiction, a joint report of which was made to you at the time by Bro. Ross of the Thirty-first District and myself. The adjustment of this matter seems to have been satisfactory and left no "sore" spots among the brethren.

In a social way I have visited many of the lodges, and hope to visit more of them before Grand Lodge convenes. I have also personally called on the Masters of some of the lodges, and from reports received, I believe the District is peaceful and harmonious, and prospering as well as usual.

In conclusion, I desire to again express to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me, and assure you that it is highly appreciated.

With best wishes and fraternal regards, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. M. RIGGS, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-fourth District.*

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

CARLINVILLE, ILL., September 15th, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—It is gratifying to me to be able to report that peace and harmony have prevailed among the lodges and brethren of the Thirty-fifth District during the year. My visits have been of a social

nature, and I find the lodges following as closely as possible the Standard Work. Thanking you for honors conferred, and congratulating you on your very successful administration, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. H. Burgdorff, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-fifth District.*

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

Raymond, Ill., August 27, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I am again reminded that it is near the close of another Masonic year, and in making my annual report of this Thirty-sixth District, I am pleased to say that all is going well and peace and harmony reign supreme, so far as I can see and hear. I have visited nearly all the lodges in this District and find them prosperous, and I wish to thank you for the honor of acting as your Deputy, and also congratulate you on your successful career as M.W. Grand Master, and beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

D. W. Starr, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-sixth District.*

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Taylorville, Ill., August 14, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—In submitting to you my annual report of the condition of Masonry in this Masonic District, I desire to say to the credit of the sixteen lodges therein, that nothing of a serious character has been reported to me, and beyond answering a few questions my official acts have been uneventful. I have received invitations to visit lodges in a social way and to assist in the work of conferring the third degree, which was always my pleasure to accept.

With sincere good wishes, and the assurance of my personal esteem, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

Charles G. Young, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-seventh District.*

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ARCOLA, ILL., September 18, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother:—I have had no official duties to perform during the year, with the exception of presiding at one trial where a Brother had become indifferent to his Masonic obligations.

I have visited most of the lodges in my District and have been welcomed by their members.

Information and observation are to the effect that the Thirty-eighth District is prosperous and peaceful.

I thank you for the appointment, and congratulate you on your splendid success in the great office of Grand Master.

Fraternally and courteously yours,

J. E. JEFFERS, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-eighth District.*

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

MARTINSVILLE, ILL., August 31, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I take great pleasure in reporting that during the past year peace and harmony have prevailed in the Thirty-ninth District.

My duties during the past year as your representative have not been onerous, but at all times most pleasant. They have consisted principally in social visits, conferring degrees, and in replying to letters of inquiry concerning Masonic laws, and occasionally asking advice as to some little differences—not dissensions—which had arisen between the brethren and some particular lodge. The questions of law were easily disposed of by referring the inquirer to the Blue Book. All other matters, I am happy to say, were merely little differences of opinion, and were easily cured by a little wholesome advice, which was always accepted in a true Masonic spirit. Therefore, I believe I am fully justified in saying harmony prevails in its truest sense.

In my visits (none of which were official) as a rule I found the lodges healthy. Some of them are working earnestly to acquire a greater proficiency in the work, and others are becoming so interested that they now talk schools of instruction for their lodges. Two lodges

have held Schools of Instruction during the past year. The brethren of neighboring lodges were invited, and many of them attended, with good results. It was my privilege to assist in these schools.

In conclusion, permit me to congratulate you on your most successful administration, and to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by appointing me your Deputy.

With kind personal and fraternal regards, I am

Yours fraternally,

H. Gasaway, *D.D.G.M. Thirty-ninth District.*

FORTIETH DISTRICT.

Willow Hill, Ill.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I can again report harmony and prosperity in the Fortieth District.

I have had no official calls, and no duties other than of a social character, except to officiate at one funeral, and reply to a few questions of no great importance.

All the lodges that I have visited are capable of doing very good work without outside assistance.

I am quite certain that the reports will show quite an increase in membership, and be of some assistance in raising the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction to the one hundred thousand mark.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, and congratulating you upon your very successful administration, with the kindest personal regards, I am Fraternally yours,

H. A. Eidson, *D.D.G.M. Fortieth District.*

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

Vandalia, Ill., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother:—I can scarcely realize that it is time to again render an account of my stewardship.

It is a pleasure, however, to be able to report to you that Masonry in this District is in a very satisfactory condition—harmonious and pros-

perous. While some of the lodges have probably not done the amount of work that they have in former years, the quality of the material accepted has been such as to elevate the general tone of Masonry and this is as it should be—the hope of the country lodge is in the quality of its membership. My intercourse with the lodges has been entirely of a social and fraternal nature which, I assure you, has been most pleasant to me.

Thanking you for past favors, and wishing for you the best there is in life, I am

Fraternally yours,
EUGENE STAPP, *D.D.G.M. Forty-first District.*

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

CLAY CITY, ILL., September 13, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—The past year has been very satisfactory from a Masonic standpoint in the Forty-second District. The lodges constituting this District are, for the most part, in a healthy condition, prospering, doing work enough to show that they have not put their lights under a bushel.

There has been but little discord. Wherever there has been anything to disturb the peace and harmony of the fraternity, the matter has been adjusted, and I believe all is well throughout the District.

A controversy arose between Hermitage and Fairfield Lodges over jurisdiction. By your order Bro. J. R. Ennis and myself met the brethren of both lodges at Fairfield on February 5, when the matter was quickly settled to the entire satisfaction of both lodges.

Sweeping charges of irregularities being made by three of the brethren of Mt. Erie Lodge against the officers of that lodge, I visited the lodge by your order and found no foundation for a single one of the eight charges, and so reported to you.

By your order I visited the Master of Xenia Lodge, who had given a Fellowcraft Masonic burial. My findings were reported to you at the time.

I have received numerous inquiries during the year relative to matters of Masonic law, all of which were promptly answered, though there was an easily found answer to all of them in the Blue Book.

I have visited a part of the lodges in the District, finding them practicing Masonry in a most exemplary manner.

Fraternally yours,
ANTHONY DOHERTY, *D.D.G.M. Forty-second District.*

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

Upper Alton, Ill., September 11, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I beg leave to submit my annual report as your Deputy for the Forty-third Masonic District.

Peace and harmony prevail throughout the District, and there has been no occasion for official visits during the Masonic year.

The brethren join me in thanking you for the school at Granite City, the visit of yourself and other Grand Officers, the excellent work of the Board of Examiners, and for the valuable assistance rendered by so many Grand Lecturers from various parts of the state.

In conclusion, I wish to express to you my heartfelt thanks for the honors you have conferred on me, and congratulate you on your able administration, and wishing you a long and useful life, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Enos Johnson, *D.D.G.M. Forty-third District.*

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

East St. Louis, Ill., September 15, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—The year in this District has been marked by no very important event. We have had a healthy growth here, and there has been a disposition among our brethren to scrutinize, rather more closely than heretofore, the fitness and qualifications of applicants for the degrees. I feel sure that you will agree with me that this is both proper and Masonic.

I have made no official visits, but have met with a number of the lodges in an unofficial way.

I thank you for your courtesies to me, and congratulate you upon your success as Grand Master. It is needless for me to assure you of my warm personal regard, and I remain, sincerely and

Fraternally yours,

Geo. S. Caughlan, *D.D.G.M. Forty-fourth District*

FORTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

BENTON, ILL., September 21, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother:—It is with pleasure that I can report a healthy and prosperous condition of Masonry in the Forty-fifth District. No special matters requiring official attention having been referred to me, would seem to indicate that peace and harmony still prevail in general.

It has been my pleasure to make several visits during the year and in each instance I was received most cordially. I have installed the officers of four lodges and have assisted in funeral services when necessary.

I will assure you that I appreciate the distinction and honor conferred upon me while serving you on official occasions, and congratulate you on your wise and efficient administration.

Wishing you all success in the future, I am

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM M. WEBSTER, *D.D.G.M. Forty-fifth District.*

FORTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

BURNT PRAIRIE, ILL., September 2, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—I am pleased to report peace and progress among the Masonic fraternity in the Forty-sixth District.

On the afternoon of November 24, by your request, I dedicated the new Masonic lodge room at Bridgeport, and was ably assisted by a large number of distinguished brethren, a report of which was made to you at the time.

I have visited a majority of the lodges in the District, and on these visits have met many officers and members of other lodges.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, and congratulating you upon your able and successful administration, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. R. ENNIS, *D.D.G.M. Forty-sixth District*

FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

New Haven, Ill., September 1, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Most Worshipful Dear Sir and Brother:—Again *Time* in her onward march reminds me that another Masonic year is drawing to a close, and that I must render an account of my stewardship as your representative in this, the Forty-seventh, Masonic District.

Aside from a few visitations of lodges, conferring degrees, installing officers and attending funerals, my duties have been exceedingly light.

On April 16, by your order, I went to Cottonwood and instituted Cottonwood Lodge, U.D. We had quite a pleasant time, and the lodge seems to be in a fairly prosperous condition, and I am informed they will apply for a charter at this Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

Nothing has occurred among the lodges or the brethren in this District to mar our peace and happiness, and, so far as I am informed, all the lodges in the District save one or two have had a fairly healthy growth.

Extending to you my congratulations for your efficient success and services as our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the past two years, and wishing you unbounded success in your honored profession through life, and that that life may be long as well as useful, and thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me your representative for this, the Forty-seventh, Masonic District, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

I. A. Foster, *D.D.G.M. Forty-seventh District.*

FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Marion, Ill., August 30, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—In submitting this, my annual report, as your representative for the Forty-eighth District, I am pleased to say that much good has been accomplished during the past year. The interest in the work has been good, much new material having been added.

Nothing of a serious nature has arisen to mar the peace and harmony that prevail throughout the District.

I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me as your representative; I am indeed thankful for the honor, and wishing you many years of health, happiness, and prosperity, I am

Fraternally yours,

W. D. Abney, *D.D.G.M. Forty-eighth District.*

FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

Anna, Ill., September 4, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

Dear Brother Bell:—During the past year it has afforded me pleasure to answer all your official requests, and besides these there is nothing of importance to report to you in this, my second annual report.

I have visited a number of lodges in this, the Forty-ninth District; have reports from the others, and know of no good reason why I should not report the District prosperous and harmonious.

Appreciating your repeated kindness, and wishing you all the honor and credit your honest effort so worthily deserve, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

William H. Peak, *D.D.G.M. Forty-ninth District.*

FIFTIETH DISTRICT.

Brookport, Ill., September 10, 1909.

Alexander H. Bell, M.W. Grand Master, Carlinville, Ill.:

My Dear Brother:—I herewith submit my report for the Fiftieth District. All the lodges in the District are fairly prosperous and peace and harmony prevail. I have not been called on officially in a single instance, and have not even heard of the slightest discord in any lodge in the District. Two of the lodges during the past year have erected new temples, showing a fair degree of material prosperity as well as fraternal prosperity. I am pleased to report an earnest desire of the lodges down in this District to attain to the Standard Work. This

section of the country not being as accessible to the schools held by the Grand Board, makes it considerable more difficult for the brethren of this District to attend. They are therefore to be complimented for the good work exemplified by nearly all of the lodges in the District, particularly is this so of the lodges located in the country far from the railroads and other convenient means of transportation. Thanking you for the honor conferred on me, and congratulating you on your distinguished and very successful administration, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. K. West, *D.D.G.M. Fiftieth District.*

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS—Proposed.

Amend Section 2, Article 5, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-Laws so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The Grand Treasurer shall execute and file with the Grand Master, before his installation, an official bond, in such penal sum as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, with personal security to be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in these by-laws, and at the end of his term, or sooner, if lawfully required so to do, pay over and transfer to his successor in office all funds, securities, books, records, vouchers, or property belonging to the Grand Lodge, which shall have come into his keeping.

Amend Section 1, Article 13, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. All petitions for the degrees or for membership shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, with his full name and shall state the date and place of his birth; his occupation specifically; the name of his employer, if he have any; and if the occupation shall be stated as clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor, adjuster, or any other indefinite term, it shall then state the particular kind of business or employment in which he is such clerk, salesman, manager, solicitor, adjuster, etc. It shall state his place of residence, and, where the petitioner resides in a city having streets that are named and houses that are numbered, he shall state in his petition the name of his street and the number of his house. And in case of a petitioner for the degrees, whether he had previously made application to be made a Mason to any lodge, and shall be accompanied by the fee which the by-laws of the lodge require with the petition. In cases where the petitioner has before petitioned to be made a Mason, he shall state the name, number, location and jurisdiction of the lodge previously petitioned, and the date as near as may be of such former petition. Every petition shall be recommended in writing by three members of the lodge and be read at a stated meeting and entered in substance upon the records. After it has been read it shall be received by the voice of the lodge either tacitly or formally given; or at its pleasure, the lodge may refuse to receive it.

Amend Section 2, Article 11, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-laws, so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The personal jurisdiction of a lodge shall extend over all its members (except its Master, or the Grand Master if a member thereof) wherever they may reside; and over its unfinished work and rejected material, wherever they may be dispersed. Provided, however, that when a petition to be made a Mason has been rejected by any lodge in this state and such rejected petitioner afterwards removes to another state and petitions a lodge in such other state to be made a Mason, the lodge rejecting his petition in this state or this Grand Lodge shall have no claim to jurisdiction over such rejected material from and after five years from the date of such rejection.

Amend Section 3, Article 6, Part 1, Grand Lodge By-laws so as to read as follows:

Section 3. He shall execute and file with the Grand Master, before his installation, an official bond in such penal sum as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge, with such personal security as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed by these by-laws.

Amend Section 4, Article 3, Part 1 of the By-laws, (a) by striking out the word "Fifteen" and inserting the words "Twenty-five," also (b) by inserting the word "Financial" between the words "full" and "compensation," also (c) by inserting the words "Stenographer and" between the words "Including" and "Clerk," so that the section when amended will read as follows:

Section 4. The salary of the Grand Master shall be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable in monthly installments, which sum shall be in full financial compensation for the performance of the duties of his office, including stenographer and clerk hire; provided, that for such sums as he may expend for postage and stationery and incidental expenses, the Grand Lodge may make appropriations upon presentation of itemized bills approved by the Committee on Finance.

Amend Section 1, Article 17, Part 2 of Grand Lodge By-laws. By striking out the words, "The city of Chicago," in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Cities containing a population of 50,000 or more inhabitants." By making the section read when amended, as follows:

Section 1. No lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be permitted to confer the three degrees upon any person for a less sum than twenty-five dollars: Provided, that in cities containing a population of fifty thousand or more inhabitants the minimum fee for the three degrees shall be fifty dollars; and the apportionment of such sum to the degrees, respectively, shall be regulated by the by-laws of each lodge.

Amend Article 12, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws, by adding thereto a new section to be known as Sec. 11:

Sec. 11. No person shall be eligible to membership in the Masonic fraternity who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. And any Mason who engages in such business after the adoption of this rule shall be charged with unmasonic conduct, in any lodge having jurisdiction, and shall be expelled from Masonry; provided, however, that any Mason who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors prior to the adoption of this section shall not be affected by it, nor shall his standing be impaired in the fraternity in consequence of such business.

Amend Section 6, Article 20, Part 2, Grand Lodge By-Laws:

Sec. 6. When a member of a lodge desires to change his membership to another lodge and wishes to know whether he will be accepted by it before severing his connection with his lodge, he shall give his lodge notice in writing of his intentions. This notice shall be read in open lodge at a stated meeting and lie over till the next or some subsequent stated meeting, when, if there are no formal charges against him and his dues are paid three months in advance, the Secretary shall issue to him a certificate under seal of the lodge showing that the dues have been paid as aforesaid and stating for what purposes the certificate is issued. This certificate may be deposited with his petition in the lodge he wishes to join at any time within two months of its date and he treated as the necessary documentary evidence referred to in Section 4,

Article 13, Part 2, of these by-laws. If he is elected to membership in the petitioned lodge, the secretary thereof shall immediately notify the first lodge and the petitioner's membership therein shall cease from the time such notice is received. If such notice is not received within three months from the date of the certificate, he shall forfeit any rights and privileges acquired by means of it, be still a memebr of the original lodge and chargeable with dues therein. Nothing in this section shall operate to change the law regarding dimits or affiliation thereon—nor shall it be construed to permit a change of membership from one lodge to another except by regular dimit if both lodges are in the same city or town.

To amend Section 6, Article 19, Part 2, of Grand Lodge By-Laws, by striking out all that part of said section beginning with the word "Documentary" in the third line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "but if not so vouched for, he shall be required to furnish documentary evidence, as to the name and number of his lodge, and to take the Test Oath in addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry." Making said section read when amended, as follows:

Sec. 6. No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge under this jurisdiction unless lawfully vouched for as a Master Mason in good standing; but if not so vouched for, he shall be required to furnish documentary evidence as to the name and number of his lodge, and to take the Test Oath in addition to strict trial and due examination of his knowledge of Masonry.

Amend Grand Lodge By-Laws by striking out Section 7, Article 23, Part 2, and inserting the following in place thereof:

Section 7. In the formation of new lodges the recommendating lodges must be chartered lodges. Every recommendation for the formation of a new lodge emanating from a chartered lodge, shall certify that by means of a thorough examination by a competent committee the lodge has ascertained that the applicants are worthy Master Masons in good standing and that it has verified all the statements contained in the petition under consideration, and that said petition was read to the lodge in full at the meeting when received and again at the meeting when vote was taken, and no recommendation shall be granted by any lodge without the affirmative ballot of two-thirds of the members

present at a stated communication. All resident members shall be notified by mail of the pending application, and the date when vote thereon will be taken. Such recommendation shall set forth the date of the meetings of the lodge at which the request was received and acted upon, the number of votes cast for and against the same and the number of members belonging to the lodge recommending. In a city where concurrent jurisdiction exists, any three lodges out of the six lodges nearest the proposed location of the new lodge may, recommend the formation of a new lodge in such city. In all places outside of such concurrent jurisdiction, it must be the three nearest lodges whether within or without corporate limits: Provided that where the nearest lodges are within the city the consent of the outside lodges whose territorial jurisdiction is abridged, must also be obtained. Provided, further, that the Grand Lodge may, on the recommendation of the Grand Master, issue a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, outside a city or town having three or more lodges, on the recommendation of two out of the three nearest lodges.

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